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Fresno slayings: Prosecutors in Fresno, Calif., say they will seek the death penalty against a man charged with shooting nine of his children in his home.

Marcus Wesson, 57, is charged with shooting nine of his children, ages 1 to 25, on March 12.

Wesson is also accused of 13 sex crimes, including rape, with each of the victims be-lieved to be family members. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Smart abduction: The woman accused in the Elizabeth Smart kidnapping is still not competent to stand trial and must receive another year of treatment, a Utah judge has

Wanda Barzee, 58, who first was ruled incompetent in January, remains incompe-tent, but there is a "substantial probability she may become competent in the foresee-able future," Third District Judge Judith Atherton said Tuesday. She ordered another evaluation on Aug. 10, 2005

Serial killings: A suspected serial killer faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison after a Port Allen, La., jury convicted him of second-degree murder in the beating and stabbing death of a 21-year-old woman

A jury took less than two hours Tuesday to find Derrick Todd Lee, 35, guilty in the slaying of Geralyn DeSoto. Lee still faces two first-degree murder charges carrying

possible death sentences in other cases. The defense said there would be an immediate appeal. Sentencing was set for Monday.

Stewart perjury trial: A federal judge in New York declined to throw out perjury charges Wednesday against the ink expert who testified at the Martha Stewart trial about a stock worksheet that was used as evi-

Larry Stewart, no relation to Martha Stewart, is accused of lying repeatedly on the wit ness stand, mainly by exaggerating his role in ink-analysis testing of the worksheet.

Steinberg kicked out: Joel Steinberg, who left prison in June after serving 17 years for the beating death of his 6-year-old adopted daughter, was thrown out of a Manhattan halfway house because of a magazine interview he gave in which he called himself "a good father."

By giving the interview, Steinberg violat-ed a condition of his stay that he not speak to the news media while he resided at the house, said JoAnne Page, president of the



Berlin Wall anniversary: Two women pass the remains of the Berlin Wall on Wednesday at the Wall Memorial Park. Friday is the 43rd anniversary of the building of the wall, which divided Berlin in two parts until it was torn down in 1989.

Fortune Society, which runs the facility.

Chicken plant video: Federal compliance officers have finished investigating the West Virginia processing plant where workers were accused of torturing chickens be fore slaughter, but the U.S. Department of

Agriculture is still reviewing the results. Spokesman Matt Baun said Wednesday it may be a few weeks before the agency de cides whether any action is needed at the Pilgrim's Pride plant in Moorefield, where 11

orkers were fired for mistreating birds World

Germany terror trial: A key al-Qaida capive in U.S. custody told interrogators that a Moroccan on trial for helping the Hamburg-based Sept. 11, 2001, suicide pilots had no knowledge of the plot, according to a summary of the questioning of two key terror suspects presented Wednesday for the first time in court.

Mounir el Motassadeq, accused of giving logistical aid to the Hamburg al-Qaida cell that included hijackers Mohamed Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah, is being retried after his conviction was thrown out in March.

The Justice Department's summary of interrogations presented in the Hamburg state court said Ramzi Binalshibh, believed to be the Hamburg cell's contact with al-Qaida, maintained that el Motassadeq was not part of the plot.

Al-Qaida operative arrest: Police have arrested a close aide of a senior Pakistani al-Qaida operative who used to run a terror training camp in Afghanistan and was recently captured in the United Arab Emirates, an official said Wednesday.

The aide, identified only as Arshad, was arrested in a raid late Monday on a hide-out in Sialkot, said Sialkot police chief Nisar Sa-

Police seized 12 rockets, three rocket launchers, two AK-47 assault rifles, three pistols and ammunition.

Abductees in N. Korea: Japan and North Korea began talks Wednesday in China on a dispute over the fate of as many as 10 Japase nationals abducted by the North de-

cades ago. Japanese media reports said Tokyo could uspend critical food aid to impoverished North Korea or refuse to resume talks on establishing diplomatic relations if the issue of the 10 missing is not resolved satisfactorily.

Campaign for Suu Kyi freedom: Myanmar's main pro-democracy party has launched a nationwide campaign seeking the immediate and unconditional release of its leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, and other political detainees, the party's spokesman said Wednesday.

The National League for Democracy began collecting signatures for its campaign on July 19, a Myanmar holiday known as Martyrs Day, marking the anniversary of the 1947 assassination of Myanmar independence hero Gen. Aung San, who was Suu Kyi's father.

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7th Fleet snokesman

By JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Strines

The airplane carrying four U.S. Navy aviators that did not return to its aircraft carrier Tuesday night crashed into Kita Io Jima, an uninhabited western Pacific island about 45 miles north of Iwo Jima, Navy officials announced

Wednesday morn-

The four-seater S-3B Viking took off from the USS John C. Stennis and was participating in joint U.S. military air

and sea exercises the Kitty Hawk When asked if there was any chance the crew could have survived the crash, Lt. Cmdr. Marc

Boyd, a 7th Fleet

snokesman, said.

'The investigation into the cause of the accident is ongoing. Search-and-rescue efforts are ongoing, as well."

Aircraft from the Stennis and Kitty Hawk were searching the island for the four, whose names weren't released Wednesday because of a mandatory 24-hour waiting period following notification of next of kin

Communications with the S-3B Viking were lost at 7:42 p.m. Tuesday, Boyd said, He added that there was no prior distress call.

Kita Jima two-square-mile volcanic island. Boyd said sunset there was at 6:15 p.m. but said he did not

know what the weather conditions were at the

time of the crash The pilots were part of the "Blue Wolves" squadron, based at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego.

At the time of the crash, the aircraft, assigned to the air station's Control Sea Squadron 35, was conducting a routine training mission with the Stennis and Kitty

Hawk carrier strike groups as part of the Joint Air-Sea Exercise, or JASEX '04.

The S-3B Viking can perform a variety of missions, including day and night surveillance, electronic countermeasures, command/control/communications warfare and search and rescue

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Atsugi Naval Air Facility library director Dr. George Marangoly displays the books he has written in his native language, Malayalam, which is the language of the Southern Indian state of Kerala.

Library director publishes new book

By JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

ATSUGI NAVAL AIR FACILI-TY, Japan - Dr. George Marangoly loves books as much as he loves literature

For eight years, Marangoly has served as Atsugi's library director. This month, the native of India will publish his eighth book in his native Malayalam language. Malayalam is the lan-guage of the Southern Indian state of Kerala, according to an Indian government Web site.

Marangoly's stories explore contemporary issues such as the culture gaps between for-eign-born parents and their American-born offspring, and is sues including trust and relation-

ships. "Some are moral lessons," he said. "It's all in there."

He offers readers a unique per spective — an Indian-born man living in Japan who has worked for the U.S. government for 17

Marangoly, 57, began writing while studying political science in Kerala, India. He began graduate studies in English literature but moved to the United States before completing his degree. He later earned his doctorate in li-

brary science. And he continued writing.

His first piece was a humorous short story. Much of his work uses humor, with hopes of making readers happier and there fore healthier.

"I like humor You can make people laugh and that's a good thing," he said.

He began writing as an outlet and now uses it to educate, enter-

tain and explore social issues. His anthology includes two nov els and six books of short stories, and last month he earned an award from the Federation of

Kerala Associations of North America His readers span the globe even if his books generally are published in India.

"Writing stories is not always for fame," he said. "You feel better when you write a story. You get involved so much, maybe you transform into the character in the story.

He derives ideas from anyone he encounters.

"I get inspiration from every-one," he said. Even things that he said. Even things that may not seem like a story first. I had a small story written about a dog one time.

Non-Malayalam speakers will have to wait a few years to experi-ence Marangoly's work. He doesn't believe translation can convey meaning as well so he plans to begin writing in English, but not until he retires in a few

For now, he writes as a hobby. bouncing ideas off his wife. If she approves, the stories might be included in the next published edition he said

"She's my encouragement in all respects

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Opposition builds against idea of closing military base schools

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Strines

ARLINGTON, Va. - Education and quality of life could suffer for servicemembers children attending one of 58 stateside schools now run by the U.S. military that the Pentagon is studying whether to relinquish control

"We're very, very concerned about individual civilian school districts' ability to absorb these kids and give them a quality education," said Joyce Raezer, director of government relations for the National Military Family Association in Alexandria, Va. " lot of the quality-of-life issues revolve around a school system that understands who you are, understands deployment issues, and is a system that works for the same people who are deploying your parents.

Not all stateside installations have their own schools, and the reason the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, or DDESS, sys-tem was created after World War II no longer exists, said Joseph Tafoya, director of De partment of Defense Education Activity

cause the military desegregated, but many schools in the South had not. And southern school districts typically are poorer, and historically, students scored lower on standardized tests. "But those reasons no longer exist," Tafoya said during a recent interview. "No longer are they a factor."

Segregation no longer exists, but inferior school systems in the South do, and the association fears already-struggling school inrisdictions would fall short of providing educational standards now enjoyed by DDESS students, not to mention the consistent curriculum, Raezer said.

"Segregation isn't a problem any more, or shouldn't be. But it's a big fear that the school won't be able to absorb the students Where are they going to get the extra funding? How are they going to upgrade schools, buy buses, hire teachers? Where are they going to get the resources?"

Similar themes were raised by Oliver Dalton, superintendent of Chattahoochee County schools outside of Fort Benning, Ga., home of the 3rd Infantry Division.

As the superintendent of the county's schools - all three of them - his school district would grow from 1.100 students to more than 5,000. He raised the quality-of-life issue, citing as examples a loss of community garnered from being on base and an increase of school bus commute times from an average five to 10 minutes to 35 to 45 minutes

"As a parent and ex-military, ... I think it would be unfair to close the system," Dalton said. "It's a good recruiting tool. Parents expect a quality education from their local base, a quality of life in the armed services, and compared to some of the rural counties in Georgia, it's much better for children at the [base] schools. It just wouldn't be fair to those children."

No decision has been made on whether to terminate the DDESS system and turn over those students to local school jurisdictions, officials said, adding they would be remiss if they didn't explore the feasibility.

Within DDESS, there are 65 schools on 17 military installations, including Puerto Rico and Cuba, which educate 26,975 students and employ about 2,500 teachers. Up for consideration is whether to close or transfer control of the 58 schools on 14 military installations in Georgia, Kentucky, New York North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia

In March 2002, Congress directed DODEA, which runs the military's schools both overseas and in the United States, to commission two studies on whether DDESS is financially viable and in the best interest of the military, families and students

Two unreleased studies sit before Pentagon leaders. In one, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers looked at the status of the facilities. The second, by the Donahue Institute of the University of Massachusetts, looked at an array of issues from infrastructure, curricula, the quality of life, standards of learning, state and federal funding and all the educational programs, including special education

Pentagon officials won't release the reports until they have been scrutinized and defense and congressional officials have been briefed, said Pentagon spokesman Lt Col. Joseph Richard.

Tafoya said that with the upcoming presidential and Congressional elections, changes likely wouldn't be made until after the

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Admiral: Watch mates' backs, stay safe

Commander urges Misawa sailors to take steps to prevent off-duty accidents

By JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Strines

MISAWA NAVAL AIR FACILITY, Japan - Sailors can help reduce off-duty mish simply by looking out for each other, the commander of the Naval Safety Center told sailors here this week.

Rear Admiral Richard E. Brooks said commanders to shop supervisors and branch officers should know what their young troops are doing away from the job: Are they about to splurge on a fast motorcycle or squeeze a long road trip into too short a period

"It's really just kind of getting to know your people," he said, asking questions about their weekend plans, hobbies or "If people are involved in that ... and get to know what our young men and women are doing, they have a chance to influence them and maybe give them that parental type of advice.

Brooks a Navy aviator was visiting with sailors and fleet leaders in Japan for the first time since taking command of the Naval Safety Center in Norfolk, Va., about a year ago

While the Navy and Marine Corps commands are trying to meet the secretary of defense's challenge to reduce mishaps by 50 percent over the next two years, off-duty mishaps continue to be a problem, Brooks said - specifically private motor vehicle and recreational accidents.

So far in fiscal 2004, the Navy has recorded 63 private motor vehicle fatalities; the 19.53 fatality rate — 19.53 per 100,000 personnel — is worse than each of the previous



Navy Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Westerkom, commander of VP46 from Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, Wash., and currently deployed to Misawa Naval Air Facility, is quizzed on safety procedures by Rear Admiral Richard E. Brooks. Commander Naval Safety Center, during a safety briefing in Misawa on Tuesday. Brooks spoke to the Navy population of Misawa about the prevention of recreational casualties.

eight years, according to Naval Safety Center statistics. The fiscal 2004 rate in the Marines thus far is 24.66 (37 fatalities), but

that's better than the five previous years. The center reports that Navy off-duty shore and recreational fatalities in fiscal 2004 also are high: 19 fatalities to equal a 5.89 rate, worse than the previous five-year period. It's even higher for the Marines: 11 fatalities for a 7.33 rate, worse than each of

the previous seven years. "We are failing here," Brooks told Misawa NAF sailors. "The only thing that will turn it around is leadership and involvement."

Balcony jumping, an activity marked by leaping from hotel balconies into swimming pools, or from balcony to balcony, is a risky off-duty recreational behavior that has cost lives, Brooks said. "We've lost six sailors and a couple of Marines doing that." he said.

He told a story of a young sailor who attempted to cram an 800-mile road trip to visit family into a three-day weekend; the sailor crashed his car - but wasn't seriously injured - on the way back to base, likely from fatigue.

Supervisors need to ask those hard ques-tions, Brooks said: "What are your plans this weekend? Are you traveling out of the area? How far are you traveling? What kinds of things will you be involved in?"

Leaders already are involved "but we need to ratchet it up a notch so everybody really understands what our kids are doing off-duty," he said, "since that's where a majority of the mishaps seem to occur.

The safety center also is looking at what the other services do to help prevent mishaps. The Army, for instance, has a computer program that assesses the risk level for certain activities, Brooks said. A soldier can map out a road trip and the computer will assign a risk; he or she can change the plan and senior leaders can offer counsel, as well. Brooks said.

Ultimately, "we want to save lives and reduce and eliminate mishaps altogether," the admiral said. "And what it's really about is combat readiness because any time someone is hurt or killed, any time we destroy an asset, that's going to impact our combat readiness"

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Sasebo earns Zumwalt Award

Sasebo Naval Base's Combined Bachelor Housing division was awarded its record fifth Elmo R. Zumwalt Award for Excellence in Bachelor Housing

Navy Housing Program Manager Capt. J.T. Vasquez cited the professionalism and drive to provide superior quality of life demonstrated by Sasebo's CBH staff, according to a Navy report released Wednesday

"Confirmation of the five-star accreditation requires sound management, strong teamwork, consistent quality and a commitment to excellence," he stated in the report.

Zumwalt award winners are designated every two years based on a predetermined standard via a series of nspections. Accreditation levels are for three, four or five stars, with five stars the highest. Sasebo CBH has won the award consecutively since 1996.

"Earning five-star accreditation is the pinnacle of CBH awards," said Senior Chief Petty Officer Guy A. Gagui, Sasebo's CBH officer. "We've won this award five consecutive times because of the pride and professionalism of our staff, and their considerable experience."

Stripes employee released

A civilian employee of Stars and Stripes was released from Japanese police custody Tuesday in Tokyo, police of-

Local police had detained Gary Feller, 54, manager of ne newspaper's commercial print shop in Tokyo, since the newspaper's commercial print snop in rloxyo, since July 21 on suspicion of theft. Camp Zama military investi-gators on July 30 searched Feller's room at Hardy Bar-racks, located next door to the newspaper's offices. Officials at Camp Zama were unable to comment on Feller's relates by deadline Wednesday.

Yokota contracting office closed

The 374th Contracting Squadron will be closed Wednes-day because of an official function. Those requiring emer-gency assistance that day should call DSN 225-7199 or 090-9670-0048

Call DSN 225-7099 for more information.

Road closures at Yokota

Two access roads next to Yokota's main fitness center are closed until March due to the renovations under way at the facility, base officials said.

Tunner Street on the fitness center's north side and oulois Street on its south side, which both intersect Airlift Avenue, have been shut down while workers com-plete the \$3.3 million renovation project. To enter the Child Development Center, motorists must use Davis

Call DSN 225-8123 for more information

Joint concert set at Sakura Shell

The U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Asia is working with the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Central Band for the first time in a joint concert at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 28 at Yokota Air Base's Sakura Shell. About 600 visitors from off base are expected to attend,

base officials said. The concert is open to the Yokota com-

Call DSN 225-3218 for more information

Korean ships to visit Guam

U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, Guam, will welcome two South Korean naval destroyers when they arrive pier-side Friday for a stay through Sunday. The ships Chungmugong Yi Sun Shin and Ulchimoonduk are making the Guam stop while heading back to South Korea

after taking part in the Rim of the Pacific 2004 exercise.

RIMPAC is a joint maritime exercise involving several nations' navies, to boost naval tactics and cooperation.

Relocation rumors spark protest

A Sagamihara city citizen's group expressed opposition Monday to Japanese media reports that Army and Ma-rine units and U.S. Forces Japan headquarters would be relocated to Camp Zama

The group working to promote return of U.S. military bases and facilities in Sagamihara city submitted letters of protest to U.S. Ambassador to Japan Howard Baker and Japanese government officials

Local news reports have said the U.S. government pre-sented a plan to relocate to Camp Zama the U.S. Army's I Corps from Fort Lewis in Washington state, some Marines from Okinawa and USFJ headquarters from Yokota Air Base

The group stated they strongly hope for the prompt return of U.S. bases in Sagamihara city.

Free cheerleading camp

The Youth Sports Office at Yokota Air Base, Japan, is offering a free cheerleading camp for children ages 6-12 from Aug. 16 until Aug. 19. Open to 24 participants only, the camp features morning and afternoon sessions aimed at improving cheerleading skills, enhancing creativity and increasing social skills

Registration is required by Friday at the East Youth Center. Contact Fred McDaniels at DSN 225-7021 for more information

Girl Scouts, volunteers wanted

Misawa Air Base Girl Scouts are looking for adult volnteers and scouts ages 5 to 17.

Adult volunteers are needed for a variety of roles, including troop leader, treasurer, guest speaker, badge or

interest project consultant and driver Call DSN 226-4955 or e-mail misawagirlscouts@ hotmail com for more information

Camp Zama is holding a Girl Scouts registration/game ight on Aug. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Camp Zama Youth Center. The registration/game night is a chance to register or re-register girls ages 5-17 for the Camp Zama troop. Contact Cindy Streeton at DSN 267-6090 for more

Japanese classes at Misawa

The Hachinohe International Relations Association in Misawa holds Japanese classes for students at every level from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Hachinohe. The new semester begins Aug. 24.

Call Yuka Furumachi at (0178) 43-2111 ext. 329. or Karen Keller at 52-5309 for more information.

Misawa school lunch

Starting Aug. 23, families may apply for the Free and Reduced Price School Meal Program for the new school year. Pick up applications in Room 2005 in the Torii Building (No. 656). Completed applications must be returned to the school liaison office in the Torii Building, Room 1458, by Aug. 30. Families already approved for the program must submit a new application.

From staff reports

IN THE WORLD

Rumsfeld hails Afghan progress in vote setup

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld renewed America's commitment to building democracy in wartorn Afghanistan on Wednesday and hailed a hearty pace of registration for the October presidential election

"The goal, of course, is for the Afghan security forces to be able to provide for the security." he "And each month, each quarter, solid progress is being made."

Joining President Hamid Karzai at a news conference not long after his arrival here. Rumsfeld said, "Your leadership team is showing great courage in your efforts" to stabilize the country.

"This upcoming election is an important one," he said, "When



Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, left, and Afghan President Hamid Karzai shake hands Wednesday during a news conference in Kabul, Afghanistan. Rumsfeld arrived in Kabul on Wednesday for talks.

we talked a few months ago, the hope was three, four — maybe five — million registered voters.

telling Japanese officials in Jakar-

ta, Indonesia, where he and his family stayed for a week before

coming to Japan. Kyodo reported

that Jenkins suggested one of the other defectors may have died of

cancer. No cause of death was

given for the other. Sankei reported that Jenkins

also denied encouraging the two to

press a case against Jenkins for de-

sertion and other related charges, but so far has delayed taking him

into custody while he is hospital-

ized. Japan is eager to have Jen-

kins live together with Soga and

their two daughters in Japan, and

has urged Washington to be le-

nient in his case.

Jenkins met with an indepen-

dent counsel from the U.S. Army

last week to discuss his options

which include a possible plea-bar

in one of the world's most isolated nations, could hold valuable infor-

mation about other suspected U.S

defectors and the fates of Jananese citizens and others kid-

napped by North Korea over the

Jenkins is one of four Ameri-

cans believed to have deserted to

The others are Put Larry A Ab-

shier of Urbana, Ill., who went missing from his unit in May 1962 at age 19; Cpl. Jerry W. Parrish of

the North in the 1960s.

Jenkins, who lived for 39 years

The United States says it will

defect to North Korea.

I'm told by the Joint Election Commission today, they claim something like 9 million, of which a sizable portion is women." Rumsfeld noted that there "has been a campaign of intimidation" and "attempts to dissuade people

from registering. He called the heavy voter registration "a very vivid demonstration of the Aghan people's determination to make democracy work."

Karzai clearly is the American favorite, but Rumsfeld and other officials have avoided endorsing him, saying the U.S. government will work with whomever the Afghan voters choose.

During his daylong visit, Rums feld planned consultations with United Nations officials and Afghan officials, as well as meetings with senior U.S. military officials. Before flying to the Afghan cap-

ital, he said that U.S.-led coalition forces are preparing a coordinated effort to attack the narcotics

Professor's arrest criticized

trade in the country, recognizing that drug income could be used to fund insurgents and terrorists in

the country.

Rumsfeld offered few specifics. but he noted the British government previously has taken the lead in working with Karzai's administration to address the drug

trade in Afghanistan 'There are plans being finished now," Rumsfeld had said Tuesday, in Oman for the first of several visits to U.S. allies in the region. "I don't want to get into whose troops will do what

The cultivation of opium pop pies has resumed and flourished since 2001 in Afghanistan. It was largely eliminated under the Taliban's religious policing, but farmers have resumed cultivating and harvesting the profitable crop in the chaos since the fall of the Tali-

Reports: Jenkins says 2 other U.S. soldiers in N. Korea have died

The Associated Press

TOKYO - A U.S. Army soldier accused of defecting to North Korea in 1965 has told Japanese officials that two other suspected American defectors had died in the communist nation, news reports said Wednesday. The reports, carried by Kyodo

News service, national broadcast-er NHK and the conservative Sankei newspaper, cited unidentified Japanese government offi-

Officials from the Foreign Ministry and the Cabinet Office dealing with North Korean agents said they had heard nothing about the reported comments and didn't know where they came from. The U.S. Embassy also had no com-

Charles Jenkins, 64, arrived in Japan last month after leaving North Korea to be reunited with his Japanese wife. Hitomi Soga. The two met in North Korea after Soga was kidnapped by North Ko-rean agents in 1978. She returned to Japan alone in 2002

In addition to Jenkins, three other accused U.S. military defectors were believed to be in North Korea. The reports in Japan on Wednesday did not identify the two men Jenkins said had died, or

say when they allegedly died.

The reports quoted Jenkins as



at age 19; Cpl. Jerry W. Parrish of Morganfield, Ky., who is accused of deserting in December 1963 at age 19; and Pvt. James Dresnok of Norfolk, Va., who left in August 1962 at age 21.

In 1997, the Pentagon sought to contact Jenkins and the three others. ers to see if they knew anything about other Americans missing from Korean War who possibly ended up in the North. At that time, Pyongyang said the four were North Korean citizens and did not wish to talk with U.S. offi-Bible stories, even a dunking booth!!! re info please visit:

BY JOE MCDONALD The Associated Press BELJING - The United States is protesting Chi-

na's treatment of a Chinese-born American university professor who was detained for two weeks on esniage charges, calling it harsh and inappropriate, the U.S. Embassy said Wednesday.

Fei-ling Wang's arrest was the latest in a string of such cases against academics with ties to the United States. He was arrested July 25 in Shanghai and released Aug. 8, when he returned to the United States, where he teaches at the Georgia Institute of Technology, an embassy spokeswoman said.

She said Wang was accused of stealing state secrets but she had no details of the charges, why he was later released or the status of his case.

Wang is barred from returning to China for five wang is barred from returning to clinia for inver-years, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said in a writ-ten statement. The two-sentence statement said Wang confessed to "illegally possessing state se-crets" but gave no other information.

Wang, a naturalized American citizen, told U.S. diplomats that he was held in solitary confinement oppornants that he was held in solutary continement for four days and deprived of sleep and water for "extended periods," the spokeswoman said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. government plans to lodge a formal protest with China over that delay and the "harsh and inappropriate treatment" given to Wang, the spokes-

woman said

Wang, an associate professor at Georgia Tech's Sam Nunn School of International Affairs in Atlanta, was reported missing by his wife after failing to re turn from a research trip to China.



An Israeli army soldier pauses Wednesday while police inspect the site of an explosion next to the Kalandia checkpoint Jerusalem and the West Rank town of explosion killed two Palestinian men and wounded 13 people.

Bombing in West Bank kills 2 Palestinians

The Associated Press

KALANDIA CHECKPOINT, West Bank - A West Bank militant detonated a large bomb near a busy Israeli military checkpoint Wednesday, killing two Palestinian men and wounding 13 people 10 Palestinian civilians and three Israeli border policemen.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a violent group responsible for scores of attacks on Israelis, apologized for the Palestinian casualties. It said the intended target was Jerusalem, and that the assailant hastily set off the 44 pounds of explosives by remote control near the Kalandia checkpoint north of Jerusalem when he felt Israeli security forces were closing in on him.

Thousands cross the checkpoint every day, and the bomber's apparent disregard for Palestinian civilians touched off an emotional confrontation in a West Bank emergency room where some of the wounded were being treated.

A Palestinian man hurt in the attack said it was too early to judge the militants. "I don't want to blame them," said Rateb Abu Fkhaideh, 47, who had a leg injury.

Why are you defending them (the militants)?" 35-year-old Nader Omar asked Abu Fkhaideh. "They are wrong.

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Militants claim to behead CIA agent

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt - An Islamic Web site carried a videotape Wednesday that appeared to show militants in Iraq beheading a man they identified as a CIA agent. The authenticity of the videotape could not be verified immediately

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said CIA officials have accounted for all employees and no one is missing.

U.S. officials were working to determine if the tape was authentic, the official said

The Internet site, regarded as a clearing house for tapes and statements by Islamic extremist groups, displayed footage of eight militants surrounding a seated man who wore a sign around his neck bearing his photograph and the handwritten letters CIA along with the Arabic word for "visitor

In a close-up, the footage showed a masked militant holding a large knife to the man's throat, the militant chopped repeatedly at the neck, severing the head.

A masked militant was then shown holding the head aloft, and voices were heard velling "Allahu Akbar" - God is great.

There have been at least 80 kidnappings in Iraq - some for ransom and some by militants seeking to drive foreign soldiers from the country. Some of the hostages have been beheaded including American businessman Nicholas

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A follower of rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr holds the helmet of a U.S. servicemember Tuesday during clashes pitting al-Sadr's Mahdi army against U.S. and Iraqi forces in the holy city of Najaf, southern Iraq. Al-Sadr, whose Shiite militia has been battling U.S. forces across Iraq, instructed his fighters to continue their battle even if he is killed or captured.

U.S. troops prepare for Najaf offensive

BY TODD PITMAN The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — U.S. troops pre-

pared a major offensive to root out Shiite militiamen in the holy city of Najaf, training Iraqi security forces Wednesday to join the assault. In a sign of the operation's sensitivity, the military said Iraq's prime minister must ap-

Fighting persisted in the vast cemetery near Najaf's holiest site. the Imam Ali Shrine, where U.S. commanders say Mahdi Army militiamen loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr have been holed up [see related story on Page 81. Gunbattles between militants and coalition forces in two other southern cities killed 18 peo-

Farther north, U.S. iet fighters bombed the turbulent city of Fal-lujah on Wednesday, killing four people, wounding four others and damaging several houses, hospital officials said.

The U.S. military had no immediate comment, but U.S. forces have persistently fought with Sunni Muslim militants holed up in the city. Many of the insurgents believed responsible for the snate of kidnappings, bombings and shooting attacks at coalition forces, Iraqi forces and civilians, are based in the volatile city, 40 miles west of Baghdad.

In Najaf, the Marines said Wednesday they are training Iraqi security forces in preparation for a major assault to root out the fighters.

Speaking of the timing for the planned major assault, U.S. Marine Maj. David Holahan said in terim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi "makes the final decision '

It was not known whether commanders were planning a raid into the Imam Ali Shrine, an action that could enrage Iraq's Shiite majority and Shiites worldwide. Najaf's governor has given U.S. troops permission to enter the shrine compound.

A raid carried out by Iraqi secu-

rity forces may be seen as less provocative to Shiite sensibilities But many have criticized the Iraqi troops as insufficiently trained or armed.

Militiamen were once again firing on U.S. troops from a building just 400 yards from the Imam Ali Shrine. On Tuesday, U.S. helicopter gunships pummeled the multistory hotel with rockets, missiles and 30 mm cannons, killing 20 people, the military said, in one of the closest strikes yet to the "We keep pushing south and

they just keep coming," said Capt. Patrick McFall, from the 1st Cav-Ibrahim al-Jaafari, Iraq's inter-

im vice president, called on the U.S. troops to withdraw from Naiaf. "Only Iraqi forces should stay in Najaf, these forces should be re sponsible for security and should save Naiaf from this phenomenon

of killing," al-Jaafari told Arab TV network Al-Jazeera from London on Wednesday. Coalition forces said they were operating in the city at the request of the government.

The top health official in Najaf, Falah al-Mahani, said the deteriorating security situation was causing "a real catastrophe" for the health services.

"Ambulances are prevented from reaching the injured people by the clashing parties. Our staff are not able to reach their hospitals. We are paralyzed," he said, adding that the fighting injured 18 members of his staff.

In a statement to his supporters Wednesday, al-Sadr said: "I hope that you keep fighting even if you see me detained or martyred. ... I thank the dear fighters all over Iraq for what they have done to set back injustice.

The U.S. military has estimated that hundreds of insurgents have been killed in Najaf since fighting began last Thursday, but the militants dispute that. Five U.S. troops have been killed, along with about 20 Iraqi officers.



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Al-Sadr militia taking fight to the grave

U.S. troops battle cleric's forces in Najaf cemetery

BY KARL VICK

The Washington Post

NAJAF, Iraq — Bats flapped out
of crypts, starting soldiers creeping through the cemetery with
guns up. Graves opened beneath
their combat boots. And an old
enemy displayed a new professionalism, darting in clearly practiced
moves between tombstone and
mausoleum to stalk the Americans
from above ground and below.

In the battle to control one of the world's largest graveyards, U.S. Marines and soldiers say they are coping with a lot, including lingering regret. The vast cemetery in Najaf is sacred to Shiite Muslims, perhaps 2 million of whom lay but ied in miles of desert adjoining the shrine of Imam Ali, son-in-law of the prophet Muhammad.

Soldiers involved in the fighting described how many of the most recent graves are marked by photos, which crumble when U.S. forces shell the cemetery walls to reach the millitamen hiding within.

"Wives, daughters, husbands," said Sgt. Hector Guzman, 28, of the 1st Cavalry Division's 5th Regiment. "You just know you're destroying that tomb."

The Houston native shook his head. "It doesn't feel right sometimes."

Chalabi arrives in Iraq to face charges

The Associated Pres

BAGHDAD — Ahmad Chalabi, a former Iraqi Governing Council member who fell out of favor with the United States, has returned to Iraq to face counterfeiting charges, an official in his political party said Wednesday.

Arrest warrants for Chalabi and his nephew were issued Saturday by Iraq's Central Criminal Court. The nephew, Salem Chalabi, is wanted for murder.

Ahmad Chalabi, who was in Iran when the warrants were announced, had said he would return to Iraq to clear his name. He arrived in Baghada on Wednesday afternoon, said Mithal al-Alusi, of Chalabi's Iraqi National Congress group.

"He is back among his people and trying to get some rest before returning to his political duties, trying to help the government and stop the violence," al-Alusi said. A former member of the

Å former member of the U.S.-appointed Governing Council, Ahmad Chalabi once enjoyed strong U.S. ties. But he had a falling out with the Americans and was left out of Iraq's interim government.

Salem Chalabi heads the special tribunal in charge of trying ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. What the reinforced U.S. force in southern Iraq wants to do, commanders say, is destroy the Mahdi army, the militia loyal to Muqtada al-Sadr, the militant Shirie cleric. The militian has bedeviled the American-led occupation of Iraq since October, when its largely impoverished, disaffected young gumen first ambushed a U.S. patrol in a Baghdad slum. A far larger,

sustained uprising in April undid

much of the occupation's efforts to

establish security in Shiite-populated central and southern Iraq.

The current engagement, which began Thursday with another ambush, is billed by all sides as the final showdown.

Al-Sadr this week brushed aside overtures from Iraq's interim government and vowed to fight to his

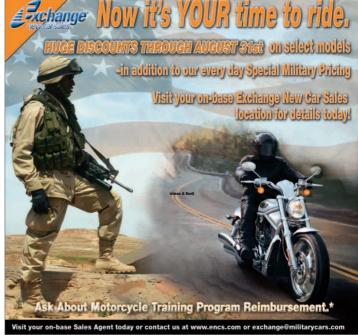
last drop of blood. Iraqi officials, who consult closely with the U.S. commanders of the 160,000 foreign troops in Iraq, said the door was closed on negotiations.

To close observers, the final signal for decisive battle came with the departure of Ayatollah Ali Sistani, the senior Shitte cleric in Iraq and a longtime opponent of al-Sadr's, who is widely regarded as an upstart. The official explanation — treatment for a heart condition — brings a smile to the lips of U.S. commanders here.

"The people will tell you they want it to end," said Army Lt. Col. Myles Miyamasu, a battalion commander in the 1st Calvary Division's 5th Regiment, which hurried from Baghdad on Thursday to reinforce the Marines. "They're ready for this to be over."



An armed Mahdi soldier takes to the streets Wednesday during fighting between British forces and militants loyal to the radical Shiite Cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in the southern city of Basra, Iraq.











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Group surveys sailors on cutting force

By SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Strines

ARLINGTON, Va. - The Fleet Reserve Association opposes the U.S. Navy's planned reduction in force, but it wants enlisted sailors to weigh in on the issue and participate in a Web survey.

"We think the plan is flawed," said Michel Garrett, spokesman for the watchdog organization in Alexandria, Va. "It's a shortsighted policy to draw down troops in order to save money, and we think this will have a severe ef-

fect on morale "But we still want them to participate in the survey. The survey is geared at getting a sense of what the enlisted Navy sailor thinks about what is happening," Garrett said.

The Navy plans to reduce its force by 7,900 active-duty sailors and 2,500 reservists in fiscal 2005, which starts Oct. 1. The FRA said the service has plans to cut the force by 40,000 officers and enlisted sailors over the next six years, but Navy officials said Wednesday

Navy leaders have said the service is too big for today's needs, and that paring it down makes good fiscal sense. In March, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark defended the plan, telling members of Congress that Navy technology makes the service's equip ment smarter and reduces the need for peo-

"I don't want my sailors to think I would cut a sailor to build a ship ... but I don't want to invest one penny in a human resource the Navy doesn't need," Clark said.

But money is not the driving reason behind cutting the number of sailors, said Navy spokeswoman Sharon Anderson

"We do expect cost savings," Anderson said, "as you would whenever you have fewer neonle, but that's not the reason we're doing this. We're doing this to meet requirements.

Participants who complete the FRA's online survey do so anonymously since "members often are hesitant to criticize policy," Garrett

there are no defined numbers beyond fiscal said. By the same token, the organization has no way of gauging how many times a person might complete a survey or if the person is an enlisted sailor or in the Navy at all, Garrett

> "It's not completely scientific; we know that," Garrett said.

> FRA is a professional military association that represents Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel on Capitol Hill.

> "The input from this survey will assist FRA's advocacy efforts on behalf of active and reserve personnel serving in the U.S. Navy." FRA National Executive Secretary Joe Barnes said in a statement. "The Navy says that it can save \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion annually for each 10,000 sailors it cuts from the force. It fails, however, to give any clue as to the cost savings of cutting the same number of civilian or contract workers.

FRA is conducting the survey on its Web site at www.fra.org/surveys. It opened Monday and runs through the end of September.

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DR ED ROWTAN AVRAIR

A sand fly delivers what could be a parasite-carrying bite that causes leishmaniasis, a disabling and sometimes deadly tropical illness.

Military ready for sand flies

BY SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. leishmaniasis season in Iraq and Afghanistan is approaching, and military health officials are redoubling efforts to arm deployed troops with prevention measures.

Preventive medicine officials are deployed to those countries to brief troops about protection, hand out insecticides containing DEET and make sure troops have mosquito netting for their cots. They also hold pre- and post-de-

ployment briefings. And entomologists this year are spraying the ground of military bases and camps to kill the sand flies, said Dr. (Lt. Col.) Glenn Wortmann, program director of the infectious disease fellowship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

With the initial (Iraq) invasion, that was not a top priority," Wort-mann said. "Not getting shot was a top priority. What's new is now [health prevention specialists] are there making sure everyone has DEET, everyone has mosquito net-ting, and the entomologists are spraying insecticides

The disease, spread by the sand fly's bite, has infected more than 600 troops since early 2003. Most broke out with minor skin lesions.

In Southwest and Central Asia, sand flies are active from March through October, peaking in September in some regions

The disease is caused by para-sites transmitted via sand fly saliva, and comes in three forms: cutaneous, which affects the skin; mucosal, which affects the mouth, nose and throat and can disfigure; and visceral, which affects internal organs and can be fatal if untreated.

The incubation period is about three to six months, meaning a person who has been bitten doesn't show symptoms right away

Three troops, two out of Afghan-istan and one out of Iraq, have been treated for visceral leishmaniasis, Wortmann said.

The three experienced "persis tent fevers for weeks on end" and were diagnosed after getting medial treatment at U.S. military hospitals in the States. E-mail Sandra Jontz at: jontzs@stripes.osd.mil

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U.S. government revamping airline screening program

BY LESLIE MILLER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - More than two years and millions of dollars ago, it seemed like a good idea: develop a computerized system that checks airline passengers' backgrounds to make sure they're not t

But so many people objected to one part of the plan or another that the government is scranning major portions of the project, the Computer-Assisted Passener Pre-screening System, commonly known as

The makeover will include a new name, though that, too, is turning out to be a dilemma for the Homeland Security Department.

The working title, "Secure Passage," was abandoned because it had the same initials as another aviation security program.

Dennis McBride, director of the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, a research institute that focuses on science and technology, was briefed by Homeland Se-curity officials on CAPPS II's progress last week.

"Getting there from here won't be easy," McBride concluded

The Homeland Security officials working on the project are likely to get rid of one element that CAPPS II's critics dislike: making sure people are who they say they are by running their personal information against commercial and government databases.

Any new system would probably have a different process for verifying identity, according to Homeland Security officials. the ability to correct mistakes if they're wrongly iden-

tified as terrorists or suspects. Homeland Security spokesman Dennis Murphy

said the department is working on that. 'That's something we clearly intend to test, to have a process for people to get redress if they feel that they're being screened unnecessarily or too frequent-

Murphy said But what's really needed, say CAPPS II's numerous critics, is for the project's developers to drop their passion for secrecy

Business Travel Coalition chairman Kevin Mitchell said CAPPS II wouldn't have become a political debacle if Homeland Security officials had been open about how the system was supposed to work

The coalition is an advocacy group that tries to lower the cost of business travel.

"It was badly handled." Mitchell said. "It scared ev-

erybody. The lack of transparency and inclusiveness is what really doomed it.

Privacy advocate David Sobel thinks CAPPS II may be so fundamentally flawed that no amount of reshaping or repackaging can save it.

Sobel characterizes CAPPS II as a secret system of surveillance on tens of millions of people who fly on commercial airlines.

"It's a fundamental dilemma that arises when the government attempts to use intelligence information against average citizens," said Sobel, general counsel for the Electronic Privacy Information Center, a Washington-based research group.

9/11 panel seeking to expand no-fly list

BY DAVID KRAVETS The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO -Sept. 11 commission wants the government to expand the no-fly list airlines now check to keep suspected terrorists off planes, consolidating as many as 12 secret lists maintained by different intelligence agencies.

That worries the American Civil Liberties Union, which has already sued the government, saying the airlines' effort to keep terror suspects and other dangerous people off planes en-snares innocent passengers and subjects them to unnecessary searches and delays. Also, the government provides no way for those wrongly named to get themselves removed.

"Right now, if you're on the list, you're in a no-fly jail. There is now no way out of this," said Barry Steinhardt, the director of the ACLU's Technology and Liberty Project.

Commissioners agree the gov ernment has a "definite inter-est" in ensuring the protection of passengers' civil liberties as well as their safety. Their re-port, however, didn't spell out how the government should im-

prove its checks and balances for the watch lists.

In lawsuits filed in San Fran-cisco and Seattle, the ACLU has demanded the government explain how wrongly flagged trav-elers — usually targeted be-cause they have names similar to those on the list — can get off it. The ACLU also wants to know how many people are on the list.

They have to make the best efforts to make sure it's accu-rate and has to have a procedure to make sure people mis takenly identified can get off the list." Steinhardt said.

U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer, who privately reviewed the government's "sensitive" data, ordered the government in June to further explain why it hasn't disclosed certain documents in response to the ACLU's Freedom of Informathe tion Act request.

"In many instances, the gov-ernment has not come close to meeting its burden, and, in some cases, has made frivolous claims of exemption," Breyer wrote

Authorities have repeatedly refused comment on Breyer's ruling or questions about the

Officials confirm seeing al-Qaida surveillance tapes of Las Vegas

BY JOHN SOLOMON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Freed from a judge's gag order, FBI officials and Las Vegas police confirmed Tuesday night they learned in the fall of 2002 about two videotapes suggesting terrorists had cased the city's casinos but decided it wasn't necessary to alert the public. The officials also strongly disputed they

didn't take the evidence seriously, as suggested in Justice Department documents obtained by The Associated Press and by a federal prosecutor in Detroit who alerted them to the evidence and spoke publicly of his concerns this week.

The tapes were shown to casinos in the fall of 2002, officials said, but they added there was differing recollections about whether some local officials declined a later opportunity to learn more about the surveillance from an FBI agent from Detroit who had worked on the case

"We took the tapes seriously," Special Agent David Nanz in Las Vegas said in an interview. "When we get a tape like that ... further investigation is required to determine its relevance. And that's what we did.

Nanz said, however, his office agreed with colleagues in Detroit that both tapes amount-ed to terrorist surveillance. "We don't dispute those were surveillance tapes," he said.

In documents and interviews reported by AP on Monday, authorities in Detroit alleged as early as September 2002 that Las Vegas authorities didn't want to issue a public warning because of concerns it might hurt tourism or affect the casinos' liability.

Las Vegas authorities denied Tuesday those factors affected their decision.

Nanz said one of the two tapes, the Spanish al-Qaida footage, was still classified at the time and Las Vegas authorities weren't immediately told that a witness, named Youseff Hmimssa,



UNITED STATES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT/AF

An image from a United States Justice Department evidence video shows the sign of the Excalibur hotel and casino in Las Vegas. Justice obtained the videotapes in 2002, suggesting terrorists were targeting Vegas

would corroborate the threat on the Detroit tape by saying members of a terror cell in Detroit had vowed to destroy the tourist city.

"The FBI in Las Vegas was not made aware in advance that Hmimssa's testimony would implicate security issues with Las Vegas," he

Mike Wallace arrested

NEW YORK - "60 Minutes" correspondent Mike Wallace, who was placed in handcuffs and taken to a police precinct in a dispute with city parking enforcement inspectors, says he wonders why anyne thought that he, at 86, was a threat.

Wallace was released after being issued a summons citing him with disorderly conduct. He is due in court in October.

Wallace said the dispute began

as he was leaving Luke's Restaurant late Tuesday after picking up a take-out order of meatloaf

Wallace saw two Taxi and Limousine Commission inspectors in-terviewing his driver, who they said was double-parked outside the restaurant. The inspectors said they asked

Wallace to step away from the car, but he refused, and lunged at one of the them, a TLC spokesman told the New York Post

Fed sees more rate increases

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Federal Reserve, anticipating an acceleration of economic growth after the current slow patch, strongly hint ed it doesn't plan to take a breather in its campaign to push interest rates higher to keep inflation under control

Economists had believed the Fed might pause in its credit tightening in September. But now they saying they fully expect a third rate increase to come at the Fed's Sept. 21 meeting.

The central bank raised rates

Tuesday for the second time this year, pushing its target for the federal funds rate up from 1.25 percent to 1.5 percent That move was immediately fol-

lowed by a quarter-point increase in commercial banks' prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, which climbed from 4.25 percent to 4.5 percent.

Analysts said the Fed sought to project a sense of confidence that the economic slowdown was not a threat to derail the current expan-



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Andrews goes back to her roots

Julie Andrews is coming back to "The Boy Friend." The actress made her Broadway debut in 1954 in Sandy Wilson's spoof of the giddy 1920s musical comedy,

and now she is directing a revival of the show.

Andrews is overseeing a production that will open next summer at the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, Conn., and then travel the country. In the original New York production, she played Polly Browne, an English heiress who falls in love with a delivery hov who turns out to be the son of a wealthy

The Goodspeed version will play July 15-Sept. 24, 2005, in Connecti cut and then tour, beginning in Wilm-

ington, Del., followed by Boston; Greenville, S.C.; Hershey, Pa.; East Lansing, Mich.; Chicago; Green Bay, Wis.; and St. Paul, Minn. More cities will be announced later.

Andrews, best known for starring on Broadway in "My Fair Lady" and "Camelot" as well as in movie musicals such as "Mary Poppins" and "The Sound of Music," first directed "The Boy Friend" last summer in Sag Harbor, N.Y., at the Bay Street Theater, which is run by her daughter, Emma Walton.

Sets and costumes for the new production of "The Boy Friend" will be designed by Andrews' ex-husband, Tony

'Idol' hopefuls flock to St. Louis

Tents and long lines marked the landscape outside the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis as some 10,000 "American Idol" hopefuls showed up to audition for the Fox television show

Contestants began lining up Friday, though producers had told singers not to arrive until 6 a.m. Saturday.

St. Louis police Sgt. Ronald Klier said the crowd was or

derly - and talented.

"A lot of them brought their guitars. Some of them sang. I'd say they are pretty good," Klier said. "It takes a lot of guts to get in front of people and sing. I admire that

On Sunday, contestants processed Saturday were to perform for about 30 seconds. From that pool, about 360 singers were expected to go before executive producers Monday. From there, the field will be cut to about 120.

Celebrity judges Simon Cowell, Paula Abdul and Randy Jackson will pick about 30 singers Wednesday to compete against other finalists in California.

The fourth season of "American Idol" will debut in Jan-

Auditions will be held in the coming months in Washington; Orlando, Fla.; New Orleans; Las Vegas; Anchorage, Alaska: and San Francisco.

Former Eagles bassist hospitalized

Former Eagles bassist Randy Meisner, who co-wrote and sang the rock group's classic "Take It to the Limit," has been hospitalized for chest pains, his manager said. Meisner, 58, was taken to Providence St. Joseph's Medical Center in Burbank, Calif., on Friday morning, his

manager, Kevin White, told The Associated Press. "He's resting comfortably. He's not experiencing any pain." White said Sunday. "He's doing well."

White said Meisner's wife was at his side and doctors were running a series of tests. Hospital spokesman Brian Greene said he couldn't release any details about Meis-

ner's condition Meisner left the Eagles in 1977. He now performs with The World Classic Rockers

Duff's set catches fire

Teen star Hilary Duff's show at Gwinnett Arena in Atlanta was halted for nearly an hour after an overhead speaker caught

Duff was six songs into her set Sunday afternoon when the speaker short-circuited, sending her band offstage and prompting some front-row

audience members to take cover. Event planners said no one was

hurt. "This is by far the craziest show ever," the 16-year-old singer-actress told the audience of 10,000 after staffers had replaced the speaker.



Not God, just dios



They may not be Christian rockers, but that's not stopping dios' debut album from gaining popularity. The Hawthorne, Calif., band draws in fans with its melodies that recall groups like the Beach Boys and Radiohead.

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dios singer-guitarist

BY LEN RIGHI

The Morning Call (Allentown, Pa.)

The question makes the usually sedate Joel Morales laugh out loud: Do people ever mistakenly think dios is a Christian rock band?

"Sometimes," replies the 28-year-old singer-guitarist for the Hawthorne, Calif., dream-pop quintet, a bit of mischief creeping into his voice. "I've never been good at naming anything, so when it came to the band we just said, 'What-We even called ourselves God at one point. ... I al ways wanted to see a marquee that said, 'Tonight: God.

Morales also cons to telling a white lie about the band to avoid potential trouble with the law. "We'd be going through Texas and we'd be pulled over and we'd say we play Christian rock," recalls

Morales. "At first they didn't believe us, but when

we told them our name, they said, 'OK, that's cool,' and let us go.

On the strength of a near-perfect self-titled debut full of poignant meditations and mesmerizing melodies that recall both masters past (the Beach Boys, John Lennon, Neil Young) and present (Grandaddy, Radiohead), the name of dios is beginning to spread to other parts of the country.

A certain heavy metal singer who once fronted Black Sabbath has taken notice, too. "Ronnie James Dio's lawyer sent us a cease-and-desist letter," Morales says. "It's kinda funny. He said we would confuse [Dio's] public, so we might make [our name] into an acronym. But hey, Dio has

heard of us, so we feel good."

Morales, his brother, guitarist-vocalist Kevin Morales, bassist J.P. Caballero, and keyboardist Jimmy Cabeza De-Vaca have been in bands together since 1999. When drummer Jackie Monzon signed on a couple of years ago, the

Growing up, Morales listened exclusively to hip-hop. "L.L. Cool J, Kool Moe Dee, the Beastie Boys — everything un until [Dr Dre's] 'The Chronic' That was the last hip-hop record I really liked." Then, "rock really took over," says Morales. "Nirvana,

The Beatles, all sorts of metal, Bowie. And there was a punk-rock phase too. As a pre-teen Morales "learned a chord or two" on gui-

tar from his dad, "but then [the movie] 'La Bamba' came

out [in 1987] and I had to learn to play.

Over the last five years Morales built up a stockpile of songs, as did his brother Kevin, who is 7½ years younger. "We decided we needed to get something out, so I sat down with my brother and said, 'You pick five songs, I'll pick

five songs and we each pick a cover.'"

Kevin chose Young's "Birds," while Joel picked "You
Got Me All Wrong," a Floydian tune by Miguel Mendez, who played with Joel in the Berkeley-based band Tawsha bella

Joel, Kevin and the rest of the band spent the next nine months in a practice space with a home recorder creating

Although there are no individual songwriting credits -

We didn't care who got credit for what," says Morales - there is a difference in the content of the brothers' songs. "He [Kevin] writes a lot of love songs as opposed to me," says Morales. "Mine are mostly about self-empowerment, about guys and girls

losing each other but not pining about it." He points to "Nobody's Perfect," which opens the disc and whose first words are, The wait is over baby, feel free to move.

The song is about a former flame with whom Morales is still friends. "She's heard it," he notes, "but she doesn't know it's about her, and I'm not planning to tell her. "Betsy, my girlfriend now, knows who it's about, and she's not happy about it, be-

cause I haven't written a song about her yet The way Morales crafted "All Said + Done" also is instructive.

"Things don't necessarily follow in any order," explains Morales

"One line means something, the next one something else. ... Overall, it's says you can think you know what you want, but do you really know what you want? ... I try not to be so horribly ironic. But I was listening to a lot of Morris-

Speaking of Morrissey, dios recently got a big boost from the British mope-rock legend.

"We got offered the opening spot for all five shows he played in late April in L.A.," says Morales.

"But we were in Europe and wouldn't be getting back in time to do all of them. Still, he gave us the final one. We were very flattered. A year ago, we were nobody."

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Moms of

Multiple-birth parents come up

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — It wasn't long after Joel Pekay's triplets came home from the hospital that he realized the average retail store's baby section didn't understand the needs of multiple-birth par-

He and his wife shared caretaking duties with grandparents and a nursing staff, but no store of-fered the family a product to help organize which baby's needs had been taken care of, and at what time. By the time the triplets were 3 weeks old, Pekay had

'When there are people helping out, you don't always know

"You're at work, you come home, and you don't know (things like) how much did Alec eat, how much did Shayna eat, did they eat enough, do they need a Tylenol,

Baby Log became more than an aid for the Pekays - Joel Pekay decided to sell it to other parents, via the Internet and his personal



Laura Masuda of Edina, Minn., ties together the legs of her 4-year-old triplets, from left, Hannah, Grace and Tyler, in preparation for a four-legged race, one of the events at the annual Triplet Connection Convention last month at the Renaissance Hotel in St. Louis.

Twins, triplets, quadruplets and even larger multiple births present huge challenges to par ents who are trying to take care of several children at once, because products designed for single babies are often of little help. But some of these parents find an opportunity as they try to cope like Pekay, they end up inventing products to help make child care easier, and that other multi-

ple-birth parents are eager to buy More Than One Inc., started in 1995 by Angela Pacey and her husband, offers nearly 300 products for parents of twins, triplets and more. Pacev said the business has grown exponentially, and now earns more than \$1 million in sales each year through its catalog and Web site, www.more

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The Web site offers products such as strollers for triplets, quads or quints; toddler tables that can seat up to eight children and dividers that allow more than

one baby to sleep in a single crib The company recently expanded into manufacturing by purchasing a company that made the Anna Nursing Pillow, which al-lows mothers to breastfeed two babies at once. That product was invented by a mother of twins. Many of the products More Than One offers for parents of multiples were not invented by parents, but rather relatives watching the parents struggle to keep up.

"We're too busy just trying to get through the day," said Pacey, who is also a mother of twins "It's often a family member that comes up with something."

Be sure jack has your back when under SUV

I am looking for a floor jack for my personal use and need some advice on how big a jack I need to get. I know that a two-ton jack would be plenty to work on a regular car - e.g., a Civic, Altima, etc. However, we also happen to own a Chevy Sub urban with a gross vehicle weight of 7,000 pounds. I tried calling some shops and was told by some that a one-and-a-half- or two-ton jack would be enough, since the jack

some that said I need to get a

jack that is big enough to hold

the whole weight of the truck,

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or three and a half tons. What do

you recommend? If I have to get

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er working on the Suburban on

my own. If I plan to work on

trucks and SUVs in the future,

do I need to get a jack with a

TOM: Yes, you do. Our rule of

thumb is that a floor jack needs

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ters of a vehicle's gross weight.

So, according to our rule, a one-and-a-half-ton

(3,000-pound) jack could lift a

car that weighs as much as 4,000

RAY: So, if you want to work

on your 7,000-pound Suburban,

you'll need to get a three-ton jack, Isao. TOM: Here's why: It's true

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begin to distort under maxithe mum weight, causing the jack to flip and the car to come crashing

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RAY: One is that it gets very

hard to lift the car. But second,

and more importantly, you leave

no room for error. And unless the jack is absolutely, perfectly

centered and the weight of the

car is perfectly centered (which

you can't always count on), the

jack's linkage bars can

TOM: It's never good to operate anything at the absolute limit of its ability. For instance, some scientists say a man can go seven

days without water in 90-degree heat, as long as he doesn't move Does that mean we should all lie down and wait seven days between drinks?

RAY: Similarly, you don't want to be under a Chevy Suburban that's held up by a jack that's quavering at the limit of its abili-

TOM: So, you have three choices, Isao. You can get a three-ton iack, or let someone who has one work on your Suburban. Or, alternatively, you can buy a set of properly rated ramps, and use those to get enough clearance to work under all of your cars.

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NEW YORK - Summer is the usual season for rolling blackouts and extended, acci dental power outages. To save vourself from spending hundreds of dollars to restock your refrigerator, here are some recommendations from the American Red Cross:

- If your area is prone to blackouts, start by filling small plastic containers with water and freezing them. (Leave some extra space at the top for the water to expand.) Once the power goes out, shift these containers into the fridge to keep food cold longer.
- During the blackout, avoid opening and closing the doors to your refrigerator and freezer. If the power outage lasts for more than two hours, pack cool-

ers with ice and refrigerated items such as milk, other dairy products, meat, fish and poul-

- Once your power has re turned, check the fridge and freezer temperatures with a digital thermometer Refriger. ated food generally should not be eaten if the fridge has been without power for four hours or more, or if the refrigerator tem perature has been above 40 degrees for two hours or longer. Frozen food should not be eaten or refrozen if the freezer temperature has risen above 40 degrees or if the food no longer has ice crystals.
- If you use medication that must be refrigerated, check with your doctor or pharmacist before administering it after a power outage.
- For more guidelines, visit www.redcross.org.



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6	AFN-P	•ESPNews	Pacific Report	King of the Hill A former NFL player moves in. (CC)	Malcolm in the Middle 'Reese's Apartment' Reese is kicked out. (CC)	The Apprentice "The remaining cand the world of Manhal	ne Price Is Height" lidates compete in tan real estate. (CC)	Alias "Unveiled" Var believe Lauren is a ples medical facilitie	mole: a virus crip-	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show	(CC)	Late Show (CC)
7	AFN-ATL	(5:30) Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today Today's Style	; LL Cool J. (CC)			Baby Looney Tunes (EI) (CC)	Rocko's Modern Life	The Fairly Odd- Parents (CC)	As Told by Ginger (Part 3 of 3)
8	NEWS	Primetime Thursda	y (CC)	The O'Reilly Factor	r (CC)	Good Morning Am	erica (CC)			Headline News	ABC World News This Morning (CC)	The Early Show (C	C)
9	SPORTS	•(4:00) MLB Baseb nounced.	all Teams to Be An-	 SportsCenter 		MLB Baseball Tea	ams to Be Announce	d.		•		•ESPNews	NFL Yearbook: 2003 Texans
10	SPEC	The Dead Zone "Vi out to discover the s (CC)		Boston Public "Cha Harper and Guber r the source of last w	esolve to pinpoint	The Crocodile Hun Australia's ecologica tures from Europe. (ter Damage done to al balance by crea- Part 1 of 2)	Toyota World of Wildlife Strange creatures.	Animal Adven- tures Wildlife view- ing in Alaska.	Buffy the Vampire return to the black a	Slayer "Two to Go; G erts. (CC)	Grave" Vengeance fue	
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25	SHOW	(4:35) * *5 "Grandview, U.S.A." (1984) 'R'		um of All Fears" (20 vell. Terrorists plan to						Dead Like Me "Ser George must train h (CC)	ier boss' nephew.	Adult entertainment industry.	Family Business Adam is jealous of Myrna's date.
27	A&E	City Confidential "S trayal by the Bay" The der trial of Jim Mitch	ne sensational mur-	civil-rights leader is (CC)	Shots in the Dark' A accused of murder.	Simple" A profile of the Osmonds. (CC)	the singing siblings,	Biography 'David O sidy becomes a tee	n idol. (N) (CC)	Biography "The Pa music phenomenon	rtridge Family' Pop . (CC)	American Justice on man connives a (CC)	Traces in Blood" A fashion designer.
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30	CNN-I	Larry King Live (C	C)	CNNI World News	•World Sport	Business Internati	onal	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNNI World News	•World Sport	Biz Asia	The Music Room
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42	SPIKE	Real TV (CC)	Real TV	World's Wildest Po		terprise challenges	a destructive alien fo	rce. (CC)		eonard Nimoy, DeFor		CSI: Crime Scene I "Caged" (CC)	
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46	COURT	From the Case Files	Body of Evidence: From the Case Files	apprehends a pros- titute. (CC)	Cops A conve- nience store holdup. (CC)	Forensic Files	I, Detective Ruling out foul play in a death.	Forensic Files Sci- entists probe woman's death.	Extreme Evidence	The Investigators ' Cary Stayner'		Fake Out	Forensic Files Forensic odontolo- gist.
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53	HIST	Deep Sea Detective ogists search for the land. (CC)	wreck of the Port-	HistoryCENTER De Convention. (CC)		examine 10 of the s prophecies. (Part 2	of 2) (CC)	Control of the Per- sian Empire. (N)	Command Deci- sions The WWII Battle of Midway.	Modern Marvels 'V dustrial Age techno (CC)	logy and war. (N)	True Crime "Blow" I George Jung revolu trade. (CC)	tionizes the cocaine
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Before you buy a plasma TV ...

Seems as if every day that I visit the Power Zone I see soldiers returning from downrange purchasing those new flat-screen plasma televisions. Without fail, I try to talk them into waiting until they return stateside to buy them.

The reason is simple: If they ship the televisions through the government during a permanent change of station move, and the television breaks, the maximum amount that the government will reimburse them is \$1,500.

So, before spending \$3,000 or \$4,000, please be advised that you are basically throwing money down the drain.

I have spoken with several managers from the Power Zone asking that they place a sign warning clients, but I guess cash rules when it comes to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

Here is a portion of what the European claims headquarters has to say:

"Plasma type televisions use novel materials and technology to project a higher quality image than ordinary televisions. They are only a few inches thick and often have large screens.

"USARCS has set a limit of \$1,500 per item on these televisions. They are difficult to ship without damage, as they are sensitive to changes in temperature and altitude, can be damaged by shock or im

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"Most models cannot be sent through the APO mail because the television and its proper packaging weigh over 200 lbs. Information is the best protection for soldiers

> Stephen P. Malone Kaiserslautern, Germany

Salute to the troops

During the years I was privileged to serve in the military, around Thanksgiving or Christmas the commander in chief, the secretary of defense and our chief of staff would publish a letter of appreciation to the military for the job they did. Somehow that letter, printed in the base paper, just never seemed all that personal. However, we were sure the letters of praise and appreciation were more than just the obligatory requirements of command to console the troops

My hope is the men and women of our armed forces know that America supports them and that all veterans and retirees truly understand the sacrifice the active-duty Guard and Reserve forces are making on our behalf. To those who have lost a loved one, please accept our heartfelt condolences and gratitude for their sacrifice.

Thank you to the spouses who serve as both mother and father when the military member is deployed. Thanks to the children who persevere, even though it is so hard for them to understand why Mom or Dad is thousands of miles away when they need them most. It is never enough, but thank you for your patriotism, the sacrifices you make and the freedom you allow us to enjoy.

Freedom has always been, and will remain, in the hands of our military wouldn't want it anywhere else.

Terry D. Stevens San Antonio

All SUVs, sports cars share is 4 wheels

BY ERIC PETERS

WASHINGTON nce again, America's TV networks are atwitter with accounts of barrel-rolling SUVs - but the reporting on the government's latest crash test data likely is setting a new low for uninformed journalism.

Almost all the news accounts and commentary began with something along the lines of what appeared in the Aug. 10 edi tion of The Washington Post: "The ground hugging Mazda RX-8 sports car ranked The article then went on to luridly paint the SUV as tipsier than Boris Yeltsin with two quarts of Stoli sloshing around in his gut

But what's the point of comparing such dissimilar vehicles as a high-performance sports coupe and a truck-based utility vehicle? It's the equivalent of criticizing an orange because it doesn't taste like an apple.

Yes, it's true - if you are dumb enough to drive an SUV as if it were a sports car hitting freeway offramps at 20 mph over the recommended limit, making abrupt lane changes at 80 mph - it will indeed be more apt to turn turtle than a Mazda sports car. But we also would immediately — and rightly — label anyone who took his sports car off-road and got hung up on the first big rut an imbecile who got what he deserved

Isn't the whole point of owning an SUV or a sports car to experience the specialized capability each vehicle offers? When you buy a sports car, you pretty much know and accept the reality that it isn't going to do too well if it snows - and probably will balk at pulling a U-Haul trailer. But you accept these trade-offs in return for the zippy handling and fun-to-drive experience that is the sports car's forte

Similarly, when you buy a truck-based SUV, you're accepting a trade-off: superior traction in bad weather and even off payed roads at the cost of "trucky" hanon road. There are dling dle-of-the-road passenger cars for people who want a more well-rounded vehicle

The problem with SUVs is that many people who buy them somehow don't grasp — or haven't had it explained to them - that a heavy vehicle built on a truck-type chassis that rides higher off the ground simply isn't constructed for high-speed driving and aggressive cornering. Even though there are mandatory warning labels pasted on the sun visor and additional cautions laid out in the owner's manual, many people still think it's OK to drive an SUV just like a car — and expect it to behave like one.

That's moonshine, of course - as the Ford Explorer/Firestone tire debacle of two years ago should have amply demonstrated Most of the wrecks involved Evplorers that had been driven at continuous high speed in very-high heat conditions on underinflated or worn-out mud- and snow-rated tires that were never designed for sustained high-speed operation in the first place. When a tire gave out at 80 or 90 mph, the sudden weight shift resulted in loss of control - and, in many cases, a rollover accident.

Had the trucks been driven at a lower speed within the safety envelope of their basic design and that of their off-road style tires, the tire failure probably would not have happened. Had it happened, the weight transfer would not have been as dramatic, and the SUV likely would have remained controllable

Part of the blame for the SUV debacle can certainly be laid at the feet of the automakers, who have marketed SUVs as large cars - touting their roominess and comfort, downplaying their handling deficits But that doesn't — or shouldn't — absolve SUV owners from exercising common

And it doesn't excuse the grossly unfair comparisons of purpose-built SUVs and purpose-built sports cars that too many journalists made in their stories about the latest National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash-test results.

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By GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury Flashbacks







OPINION

Environment suffers when 'security' is vague

BY BRIAN SEGEE

n a post-Sept. 11 world, a strong focus on national security is inevitable and understandable. But in at least one area - the environment - the admin istration's attempt to bypass environmental regulations under the guise of national security raises serious questions about what information is being kept from public view. and the validity of the administration's justification for doing so.

One important example of this is the Denartment of Homeland Security's recently announced change in the way it will implement the National Environmental Policy Act. Often called the Magna Carta of our na tion's environmental laws, NEPA directs federal agencies to prevent damage to the environment, provide information to the public and include citizens in the decision-making process. The Department of Homeland Security's proposed rules cast aside the principles of public participation and government transparency by allowing the withholding of large, ill-defined categories of information and even entire NEPA analyses when such information is determined to be "sensitive," "classified" or "protected." A broad array of agency activities will be exempted entirely from environmental analysis under the new rule as well.

Without doubt, Homeland Security faces a daunting task in balancing the public's right to know and its duty to provide for safety and security of the nation's citizens. And, as with any other government agency, it also has the responsibility to ensure that its activities do not unduly harm the environment.

The difficulty of these tasks is further heightened by the fact that many of the activities and much of the infrastructure regulat-

ous and toxic materials and storage, pipelines and transmission systems, po plants and biological research - are notential terror targets and potential environmental hazards. Although all can agree that truly sensitive information should be protected who would not want to know whether a hazardous chemical plant or gas pipeline was in their neighborhood or near their children's schools? For 30 years, NEPA has ensured that the public does know about such risks, and that citizens have a voice in proposals that affect their communities and their lives

Unfortunately, by allowing for the withholding of information without providing for narrow and specific definitions of terms such as "sensitive" or "classified," Homeland Security's proposed rule threatens this vital democratic tradition. Without clear direction, government and industry will tend toward secrecy rather than openness, even in instances that do not implicate national se-

Unchecked, Homeland Security's proposal will allow activities with significant environmental impact to go forward without public review

The Border Patrol, for example, has deploved thousands of agents in the fragile deserts of the southwestern United States in an effort to stem undocumented immigration. These agents have constructed roads. erected walls and fences, bulldozed desert vegetation and conducted off-road vehicle and low-elevation helicopter patrols in some of that area's most pristine wilderness. Moreover, the agency has now asked for unlimited off-road vehicle access within vast areas of public lands rich with wildlife and rare species, including designated wilderness



areas and national wildlife refuges. Even under existing NEPA rules, it has resisted meaningful public disclosure of these plans.

For the Border Patrol, Homeland Security's proposed rules will provide an easy avenue to withhold information that rightfully

belongs in the public domain One of the most important lessons of the Cold War was that excessive secrecy does not improve our national security, but can pose major environmental risks, erode governmental accountability and destroy public trust. One example is the Rocky Flats nuclear plant near Denver, where major Cold War-era plutonium fires and hazardous ma-

terial leaks were not revealed to the public until nearly 30 years after the fact.

Thomas Jefferson said that "an informed

citizenry is vital to the functioning of a demo-cratic society." For the sake of both our environment and our democracy, our society must continue to err on the side of openness rather than secrecy, and transparency rather than unaccountability. The Department of Homeland Security's proposed environ-mental rules unfortunately fail to live up to these lofty but essential goals.

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American Catholics won't march to polls in lock step he Knights of Columbus jumped to

their feet and cheered wildly last week when President Bush affirmed his opposition to gay mar-riage and abortion at the Knights' internaonal conference in

William McKenzie Dallas. But don't think that sexual morality's

the only driving force behind Catholic voters. In fact, don't assume

there's a "Catholic vote," as some analysts suggest. There is a "Catholic force," says New Mexico Knight Levy Lebya. But there not a monolithic Catholic view on politics. Here's why:

There are 65 million Catholics in the United States. They represent about 25 percent of the public. There's no way such a huge number of people are going to think alike. They clearly aren't going to be a united front when you consider there are Catholics here from Latin America, Eastern Europe and Ireland, to name just three places of origin.

What's more, there are observant Catho-lics along with nominal Catholics. Observant Catholics actively attend Mass, pay attention to the church's teachings and derive their identity from their Catholicism. Nominal Catholics are less likely to have such a strong identity

The two also vote differently. Southern Methodist University professor Matthew Wilson studies Catholic voting patterns, and he recalled in an interview last week that 60 percent of observant Catholics voted for George W. Bush in 2000. Only 40 percent of nominal Catholics did

The Knights I interviewed last week, from

New Mexico to Delaware to Louisiana to Kentucky, were concerned about personal and sexual morality. But they were quick to add education, the economy and health care to their priorities. Francisco Gomez of New Mexico captured their concerns when he spoke about the need to care for individuals who are left behind, such as the disabled.

This sentiment differs from what you see at many GOP gatherings. At the Knights convention, there wasn't the hostility toward government that often permeates Republi-

can meetings. Maybe that's why President Bush emphasized in his speech that there's a role for government in caring for the poor. Perhaps he recognizes that he doesn't have Catholics in his hip pocket like he does many evangeli-

"Catholics are a receptive audience for the president, not a captive one," says

SMU's Matt Wilson. "They are torn in two different directions 3

There's a good reason for the tear. Catholics have decades of social teachings to con sider. Unlike Protestants, they have statements from their church's hierarchy that carry weight. And not all of them are about abortion Look at the U.S. Conference of Catholic

Bishops statement on faithful citizenship. Its issues range from upholding the dignity of all life, recognizing God's preference for the poor, respecting the rights of workers and caring for God's creation. To put it in political terms, the bishops' list of priorities crosses partisan lines. What's more, top Vatican official Cardinal

Joseph Ratzinger announced last month that it's OK for Catholics to vote for a candidate who doesn't oppose abortion. If a voter feels a candidate's position on other issues outweighs his or her stand on abortion, Cardinal Ratzinger said, then the voter is free to support that person.

It's a shift from only a few months ago. when Catholics were debating whether to deny communion to a Catholic politician who favors the right to an abortion. My hunch is that it will help John Kerry with nominal Catholics. (For the record, none of the dozen Knights I interviewed supported denying pro-choice Catholic John Kerry communion. What struck me was their sense that we are all sinners.)

Catholic voters remain a fascinating force to watch. My hunch is that Bush and Kerry will split Catholic voters as evenly as Bush and Al Gore did in 2000. There are too many different parts of American Catholicism for one candidate to dominate.

BY BRUCE TINSLEY

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Escapee recaptured

TN WHITEVILLE — A convicted murderer serving a life term who escaped was recaptured after a search by more than 70 officers aided by aircraft and dogs.

Tracy Lynn Harris, 26, was apprehended outside Bolivar, Hardeman County Chief Deputy Doug Brown said.

oug Brown said. Harris had es-

caped from the privately owned Hardeman County Correctional Facility in Whiteville, nine miles from Bolivar, by cutting through a chain-link fence. Authorities believe he acted alone.

Harris gave up without a fight, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman Jennifer Johnson said.

"People had called in several sightings throughout the day," Johnson said.

Harris is serving life without chance of parole for the 1998 rape and murder of an 81-year-old woman.

Gov.'s efforts cost state

NE LINCOLN — Nebraska will pay \$141 million for blocking efforts to build a low-level radioactive waste dump but will not be obligated to allow a dump in the state, under the settlement of a law-suit accepted by a five-state compact.

The dump was to have been built in the northeast part of the state and take waste from the compact, which consists of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas.

U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf in Lincoln had ruled in 2002 that former Nebraska Gov. Ben Nelson, now a U.S. senator, engaged in a politically motivated and orchestrated plot to keep the regional dump from being built in Nebraska.

Kopf ordered Nebraska to pay damages, but did not address the issue of where the dump should be placed.

Beauty queen guilty

MINNEAPOLIS — A former beauty queen who collected more than \$190,000 in Social Security benefits by claiming she was disabled was convicted of fraud.

A federal jury found Denise Henderson, 44, guilty of wire fraud and of making false statements and concealing information from the Social Security Administration. An attorney for Henderson Mrs.

An attorney for Henderson, Mrs. Minnesota International in 1999 and Mrs. Iowa International in 2001, has said she suffers debilitating chronic pain from a 1995 car accident.

Federal prosecutors noted during the trial that Henderson collected benefits while making over 200 appearances as Mrs. Minnesota International in a year. Henderson, of Woodbury, currently serves as a director for several pageants.

According to a report she filed in 1997, Henderson said she had continuous back and neck pain and could not move or straighten up, had migraines four or five times a week that lasted most of a day and could not drive for more than 20 minutes at a time.

Her attorney, Earl Gray, said Henderson's pageants didn't re-

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quire physical exertion, and she didn't earn a paycheck.

Runoff canceled

GA ATLANTA — The Georgia Supreme Court has canceled a scheduled runoff election for an open seat on the state Court of Appeals, acting in a lawsuit filed by a candidate who fell 382 votes short from advancing to the runoff and whose first name was wrong on some ballots.

Howard Mead challenged the results of the July 20 nonpartisis general election after finishing behind Debra Bernes and Michael Sheffield He contended in his lawsuit that he was incorrectly listed as Thomas Mead on 481 absentee ballots in Laurens County.

A superior court judge in Cobb County ruled against Mead, contending an incorrect first name on absentee ballots did not call the election results into questions.

The top two finishers in the election — Bernes and Sheffield — had been set to face each other in the runoff since no candidate had exceeded the state required 45 percent of the vote to win the seat.

Search ended

FAWNSKIN — Authorities called off their search for a 9-year-old boy missing for more than a week in the San Bernardino Mountains after hundreds of deputies and volunteer searchers failed to turn up any trace of him.

David Gonzales was on a camp-



Synchronized feeding
Ducks dive for food in a synchronized pattern at the Smith Park
pond in Middletown, Ohio.

ing trip with members of his church July 31 when his mother said she gave him the keys to the family truck so he could get some cookies. The truck was locked with the cookies still inside when his parients discovered he was miss-

For nine days, searchers on foot and horseback, in helicopters, boats and all-terrain vehicles had scoured the rocky pine and cedar forest on the edge of Big Bear Lake, about 90 miles east of Los Angeles.

Grisly greeting

ME ROCKLAND — Two Maine State Prison inmates who allegedly conspired to mail a police crime scene photograph of a murder victim's body to his mother in Kennebunk are being tried for harassment.

If found guilty of the misdemeanor, Steven Schoff, the man who murdered Devin O'Brien in 1996, and Michael Willings could have six months added to their respective sentences.

Debbie O'Brien said the photo showing her son's body stuffed inside the trunk of a car was enclosed with a Thanksgiving themed greeting card. She said she opened the envelope on July 19, 2001, which would have been Devin's 26th birthday.

Inside were the words, "P.S. Thinking of you. Happy birthday." Schoff, 32, is serving 28 years for killing Devin O'Brien on April 25, 1996, in a Lyman gravel pit.

Danger lurks for train

HOUSTON — Once called the "train to nowhere." Houston's new rail line between downtown and the Astrodome is earning a few new nicknames — "Danger Train," the "Wham Bam Tram" and "A Streetcar Named Disaster."

More than 50 collisions have occurred along the 7.5-mile-route since it opened in November, prompting residents to keep a running tally on Web sites and transportation experts to suggest raising the line above street level.

Rail promoters promised the sleek gray trains would take cars off the road, "they've just done it one car at a time," said John Gaver, who started the Wham-Bam-Tram counter, a Web site that chomicles each crash

The MetroRail averages six crashes a month — a rate 20 times worse than the national average for the nation's 17 light rail systems, according to the Federal Transit Administration.

Rating landlords

ANN ARBOR — University where the project of the control of the con

Landlords worry that only dissatisfied students will take the time to comment.



Waste not Matthew Freund's 225 dairy cows produce the raw product and energy required to make a biodegradable fiber pot in East Caanan, Conn.



Wild water Zephyr Whitewater Expeditions owner Bob Ferguson Rational Park, Calif.



Budding artist Lauren Winter, 6, draws a picture outside her Dubuque, Iowa, home.



Painful landing Josh McCreadie is thrown from a bull during the Santa Barbara Old Spanish Days Fiesta Stock Horse Show and Rodeo in Santa Barbara. Calif.



Splish splash
Madison Frost, 4, center, of Greenville, S.C., and other children run
through a spray of water from a
firetruck as they cool off at the
Jean Smith Branch of the Greenville Library System in Greer, S.C.



Peaceful dive A snorkeler swims at Balmorhea State Park near Toyahvale, Texas. Balmorhea, in the visibility. desert, features a spring-fed swimming area with depths to 30 feet and excellent

Homeless hero

PA UPPER DARBY — A homeless man is being hailed as a hero after chasing down an alleged purse snatcher, tackling him and holding him down until police arrived

Loretta Ferraro, 68, was in the Chef's Spot restaurant waiting for a friend when she said a man tried to grab the handbag out of her lap. The two engaged in a tug-of-war, but the man prevailed and bolted out the door.

The suspect ended up fleeing right past a homeless shelter where Kevin Runkle had just stepped outside to smoke a cigarette. Runkle said he noticed the commotion and took off after the man, identified by police as Hyo Lee.

Monitoring money instead

TALLAHASSEE — Gov.

Jeb Bush has eliminated a
state program that monitored juve
niles under house arrest through
electronic ankle bracelets. The program, which cost \$2.2 million annually, covered \$,652 children in the
staff sized jear. The decision was a
cost-savings effort. Bush spokesman Jacob DePietre said counties
could continue the program on
their own.

Child protection criticized

SAN ANTONIO — Child Protective Services intends to carry out an additional 3,000 investigations during the next fiscal year in the wake of criticism over the handling of several abuse and neelect cases.

Agency officials are planning to conduct 131,700 investigations in the fiscal year that starts in September, up from 128,700 this year, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

The Texas Legislature allocated extra funding last year for the hiring of 356 more caseworkers. The agency hired 178 this fiscal year and plans to hire the rest next year.

GOP opposes measure

CA SAN DIEGO — Capping a three-day state convention, California Republicans voted Sunday to oppose a November ballot measure that would provide S3 billion in state bonds for human embryonic stem cell research in California

Although President Bush has cited ethical issues in arguing against the expansion of such research, party members framed their voice vote largely as a budget issue. They said the state can't afford \$3 billion in interest payments that would bring the true cost of Proposition 71 to \$6 billion.

The state's most prominent Republican, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, has taken no position on the stem cell ballot measure. He said in June that he supports stem cell research, but he has also campaigned against the state going deeper into debt.

Crushing bathroom crisis

NAUGATUCK — A man who believes the town crushed his sewer line says he'll

use the bathroom in Town Hall every morning until the problem is solved.

Robert Antidormi has accused the town of recently laying a storm pipe over his sewer line, causing backups that prevent his family from using their bathroom.

While his wife, Lisa, and three young sons have opted to stay with family out of town, Antidormi is staying put.

"It's not my fault," he told the Republican-American of Waterbury. "It's the town's place to make good on their mistake."

Mayor Ron San Angelo disagrees, saying town residents are responsible for their sewer lines.

Women could win seats

MO JEFFERSON CITY — Voters this fall could elect women to five of the top six statewide offices on the ballot, including governor and state senator, which would be unprecedented in state history. The women running are four Democrats and two Republicans.

Previously, the most female candidates on one general election ballot was three in 1992. The only statewide office on the ballot this year lacking a female nominee is attorney general.

Stomach-turning trip

MD LANHAM — At least 90 people attending a conference at the University of Maryland were taken to hospitals with possible cases of food poisoning, university officials said.

Most of the patients were high school students from across the country attending a leadership conference, university spokesman Ellen Curtis said. They complained of nausea and were taken to hospitals in buses.

Most of the patients were being treated at Doctors Community Hospital, a hospital spokeswoman said. Others were taken to Washington Adventist Hospital, university officials said.

The source of the potentially tainted food was unclear, Curtis said. They had eaten turkey and taco box lunches, though it unclear whether they came from Campus Food Services.

Deadly driving rage

KS WICHITA — A bar patron rammed his pickup truck into several people, killing one and injuring two others, after a fight in the bar moved outside, police said.

Several people who had been kicked out of Champs Bar and Grill after an argument broke out were throwing punches in the parking lot when a man got into his truck and drove into several people, Wichita police Lt. John Speer said.

Speer said the man then drove around the building, striking three vehicles before fleeing.

Police said they arrested a 24-year-old man at his southern Sedgwick County home, and booked him on counts of reckless second-degree murder and attempted reckless second-degree murder.

Photos and stories from wire services

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J Horoscope

With Mercury transiting retrograde, an element of the unpredictable influences events - mostly due to communication that somehow goes awry. In Joyce Jillson another week, such mis haps will cease to be amus ing or cute, so make sure you take steps not to repeat the same mistake twice. The evening is especially lively with both the moon

and sun in Leo. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 13). You're strong enough to let go. It's a year

when you surrender your vision to the universe and watch it manifest around you. If you're involved in a committed relationship, things get even deeper before mid-September. If single you'll be having too much fun playing the field to worry about a ring. Love signs are Sagittarius and Anuarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Love makes the world feel inspiring

You're hopeful even when others give up, which is the key to your success. Though you push yourself to finish what you start, you still may need to work this weekend, so don't plan too much

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Ideas turn to gold, but you must do

the groundwork in order to reap benefits. Build the mystery in a love relationship. If your priorities are straight, you won't be discarding friendship for passion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Make contact, sell, persuade, and

learn what you need to know to get what you want. It's a day of extraordinary energy and possibility. Save some energy for family tonight. Love is your ace; take care of it with thoughtful acts

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Find ways to fit travel into your budget.

Creative abilities are enhanced when you're aware of different cultures. Also, if you haven't been reading, this is the perfect time to start. Your imagination needs stimu

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though it's a lucky day in many ways, you

must stay aware. In unfamiliar territory, you are easily disoriented - pay attention to the little things, like where you parked the car and what you did with your house key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A person who has true character is a

person who challenges him- or herself even in the midst of complacent people — in other words a person like you. Keep it up. Tonight, you are under romantic fire.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just hecause someone is in charge, doesn't make that person right. Question

Start

authority. Financial decisions have far-reaching implications. Don't fudge on budget resolutions, though you want to be

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Accept yourself as you are. Write down your frustrations, and burn them for luck, releasing resentments. You are unusually impressionable in the evening, but there's

impressive to dates.

no need to take things personally. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An old flame dreams of getting you back. Show some emotional muscle tone and real wisdom. At the first sign that someone is not what you want in your life, turn around

and run in the opposite direction. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Let your personality shine as it opens doors previously closed. Exploring makes your heart sing and the wilder the terrain, the more you love it. Saying no to someone tonight takes courage, but it is the right thing to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You are influential and savvy. Changes at work have you worried, but you will not be affected. Socialize with business associates, though you don't see the benefit vet. Return all telephone calls, even to telemarketers

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Forget about your love life for a few hours, and it will magically improve

When loved ones know that you're OK on your own, they get worried. Artists need encouragement to take stens to move into a more satisfying career.

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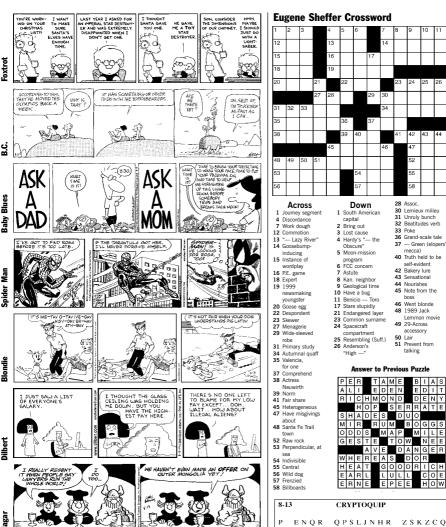












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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Splitting the pot only seems fair JUMBI

Dear Abby: If a gentleman asks a lady to accompany him to a casino and gives her money to gamble, is it proper for him to insist that she split her winnings with him? This happened to me

recently Even before the \$1.000 credits were finished rolling, my date called out that it was a 50/50 split. Most of my friends felt it was highly inappropriate, and that I should have been entitled to my entire jackpot.

I would have preferred being given the chance to make up my own mind about whether I wished to share my winnings

My friends also pointed out that this man makes four times the money I do and should have been more generous

Do you think my friends were right? At first I was just a little bit irritated. Now I feel taken

advantage of. - Shortchanged in Sacramento ing the fact that your date advanced the money that brought your windfall, I'd say you are 100 percent ahead of where you would be had he not been so generous. You may feel offended at his sense of entitlement, but a lady would have offered to share.

Dear Abby

Dear Abby: Lam a 33-year-old woman who has never been married. My boyfriend,

"Mickey," recently proposed and I accepted. We're planning a small wedding in about four months. It's a first marriage for both of us. I have two small

dogs whom I adore Their names are Melody and Harmony. Mickey insists that I get rid of one of them and that I am immature for wanting to keep both.

I explained that Melody and Harmony were around before he was, and I can't give up either one. He knew about them before we began dating

I keep them very clean and do not see what the problem is. Melody and Harmony both have been through basic dog training and are well-behaved.

I am disturbed that, knowing how much I care for them, he would ask such a thing. We seem unable to reach an agreement about this. I love Mickey dearly and know he loves me, too. How can we resolve this? - Brokenhearted in

Peoria Ariz

Dear Brokenhearted: What your fiance is suggesting is a very poor start for a marriage. If you cave in to these demands you will never forgive yourself and it will only be the beginning of what he will want you to sacrifice. My advice to you is to postpone the wedding until your fiance can find enough love in his heart for the three of you, because you are a package deal.

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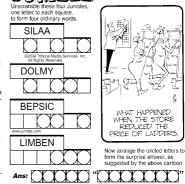
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'Aimless' brother worries sibling **Family Circus** Ben would be more called again, and this time. Laura Dear Annie: I'm Annie's Mailbox told her it was too late for them than welcome in my worried about my young-er brother, "Ben." He is home, although I sus-pect that wouldn't be to come get her. When I asked to speak to 20 and recently moved enough to turn him Laura's mother, I was told she out of my parents' home. Ben spends his time around. There may be was unavailable. drinking, doing drugs

ous games (chicken hanging out on top of I've been out of the house for 10 years and realize I cannot force Ben to change. What I'm looking for is a nonthreatening way to let him know that I'm here and want to help. My par ents are worried, too, but I don't know that he'd discuss things

and playing some danger

with them I know that Ben sees his future as aimless, and many of his stunts are an attempt to get atten-tion from his friends. He's trying so hard to be the life of the party that I'm afraid he's going to get himself killed. He's having trouble keeping a job (of course), and so the only friends who offer him a place to crash are the same people who offer him drinks and drugs



nothing I can do, but I have to try.

— Loving Sister

Dear Sister: Ben is

lucky to have you in his corner. Many young adults who can't keep a job and see their future as "aimless" are

depressed. Keep in touch as much as you can, and let him know you love him. Tell him he is always welcome in your home and can stay there if the need arises. If you think he will listen, suggest he attend classes at a junior college

or get job counseling.

Dear Annie: My daughter, "Rachel," was invited to her friend "Laura's" house. Laura's mother said she would pick Rachel up at 1 p.m., but by 1:30, she had not arrived, so Rachel called. Laura's mother said she'd be there soon. At 2:15, Rachel

The next day at school, Laura told Rachel that she and her mom had gone into town to see someone else. I was floored that they would do this to my daugh-Why would someon do this

to a child? - Mother of Hurt Daughter

Dear Mother: Some parents treat their children's plans as "suggestions" and not commitments. Laura's mother may not realize her behavior was rude and inconsiderate. If the girls make plans again, talk to Laura's mother directly and say gently, "There was obviously some mis communication last time, and I'd like to avoid hurt feelings. How about if I pick up Laura and bring her to our house?" Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy

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BY MALCOLM RITTER The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Here's a dinosaur finding that parents can appreciate: The teenage Tyrannosaurus rex typically went through an explosive growth spurt, gaining nearly 5 pounds a day.

During that spurt, from ages 14 to 18, the creature picked up most of its eventual adult weight of around 6 tons, new research indicates. It stopped growing around

age 20 and apparently died by 30.

T. rex was "the James Dean of dinosaurs — it lived fast and died young," said Gregory Erickson of Florida State University, one of the scientists presenting a study of the rentile's growth nattern in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

In contrast, he said, while an African elephant's growth reaches a plateau at around the same age and weight, that animal lives past The work offers a partial an-

swer to a long-standing question

about dinosaurs: How did they get so big? Did they grow slowly for a long time, like ancient crocodiles? Or did they grow very quickly for a shorter period? Or was it a com-bination? The question must be studied senarately for various kinds of dinosaurs, experts said.

T. rex was one of the largest meat-eaters ever to walk the land when it died out some 65 million years ago. At an elephantlike 6 tons it stretched about 40 feet to 45 feet long and measured about 13 feet tall at the hip. The adult skull alone was 5 feet long, with teeth up to a foot long.

Thomas Holtz Jr of the University of Maryland, who didn't participate in the new study, called it important and said it could help answer other questions about T. rex. For example, he said, it looks like the creature got so big after age 12 that it might not have been able to run as fast as before. So maybe it stopped running after prey and turned more to either scavenging or ambushing its









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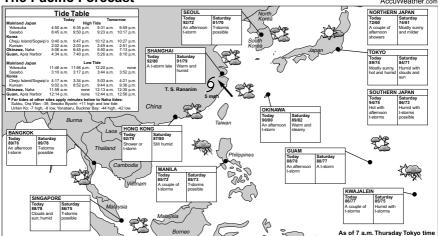
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Extended Forecasts

токуо

CITY

Bangkok Beijing

Hagatna

Hong Kong

Hanoi

Camp Casey Christchurch

Diego Garcia

Sunday: Thundershowers, high 82, low 70. Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 81, low 68,

KADENA

Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 91, low 83. Monday: Partly sunny, high 92, low 83.

SEOUL

Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 84, low 67. Monday: Mostly cloudy, high 80. low 63.

MANILA Sunday: Thunderstorms,

high 87, low 73. Monday: Thunderstorms, high 87, low 72.

HAGATNA Sunday: Thunderstorms,

high 88, low 77. Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 78.

Wednesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/I OW	CITY	ніснл ом
Albuquerque	91/64	Los Angeles	87/67
Amarillo	78/57	Los Angeles	83/61
Anchorage	70/55	Little Rock	79/57
Anchorage		Miami	
Asneville Baltimore	81/61	Milwaukee	93/80
	87/67		64/50
Birmingham	88/69	Nashville	82/61
Bismarck	67/45	New York	85/72
Boise	96/64	Omaha	69/50
Boston	84/67	Orlando	91/74
Brownsville	94/76	Philadelphia	86/70
Buffalo	75/56	Phoenix	109/88
Burlington	80/64	Pittsburgh	78/56
Charleston, S	C 85/72	Portland, OR	98/63
Charlotte	87/66	Portland, ME	77/64
Cleveland	71/53	Salt Lake City	94/62
Columbus, Ol	H 76/55	St. Louis	75/53
Duluth	59/44	San Antonio	96/68
El Paso	99/70	San Diego	77/67
Hartford	81/66	San Juan	92/78
Helena	87/49	Tampa	91/76
Indianapolis	74/50	Tulsa	75/55
Jacksonville	89/74	Washington	88/70
Kansas City	74/49	Wichita	78/55
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CITY

Acapulco

Auckland Baghdad

Barbados

Barcelona

Bermuda

Brussels

Berlin

Athens

91/77

93/74

59/48

88/71

76/65

71/52

64/45

U.S. Extended Forecast

All eyes will be on Bonnie as it moves inland, likely spreading some heavy rain to the Southeast and possibly up the Atlantic Seaboard Friday into Saturday. An increase in monsoonal moisture will increase coverage of showers and thunderstorms across portions of the Desert Southwest. The core of cooler air will begin to lift out of the Great Lakes and allow more sunshine with more seasonable temperatures. A ridge of high pressure will continue to dominate the Pacific Northwest with sunshine and warm temperatures.

Friday's Pacific Temperatures

IGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY
89/76	lwakuni	88/71	Sasebo NB
85/68	Kadena AB	90/80	Sapporo
89/71	Kunsan AB	85/71	Seoul
52/32	Kwajalein	86/77	Shanghai
78/72	Manila	85/72	Singapore

82/64

89/71 Taegu

62/43

84/73

Sydney

Taipei

Misawa AB

Perth

SOLD	

88/78

92/80 Osan

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72/60

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92/80

88/78

72/47

86/70

95/77

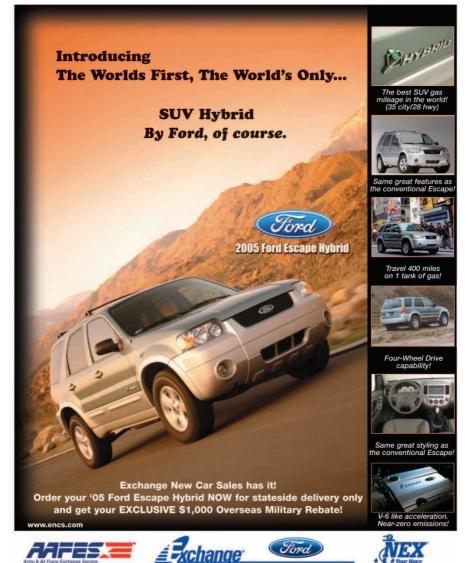
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Friday's World Temperatures

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		Kabul	100/60	Marientei	
Buenos Aires					76/51
		Kiev	77/57	New Delhi	90/76
Cairo	98/69	Kuwait	115/81	Oslo	73/57
Cancun	88/74	London	70/54	Paris	65/46
Cape Town	65/41	Madrid	89/66	Rio de Janeiro	66/54
Geneva	68/51	Mexico City	75/55	Rome	88/64
Istanbul	81/67	Montreal	70/59	St. Petersburg	61/43
Jerusalem	90/68	Mogadishu	84/70	Stockholm	65/47
Johannesburg	74/51	Moscow	65/47	Warsaw	71/50
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AFN schedule

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Television

AFN-Pacific/AFN-Korea SAT., Aug. 14, at 9 a.m.— 2004 Summer Olympic Games: Opening ceremonies. SUN, Aug. 15, at 1 a.m.— 2004 Summer Olympic Games.

AFN-Atlantic

FRI., Aug. 13, at 9 a.m. — Pro football-NFL preseason: Atlanta vs. Baltimore. SAT, Aug. 14, at 9 a.m. — 2004 Summer Olympic Games: Opening ceremonies. SUN, Aug. 15, at 1 a.m. — 2004 Summer Olympic Games.

AFN-Sports

FRI., Aug. 13, at 2 a.m. — 2004 Summer Olympic Games. FRI., Aug. 13, at 4:30 a.m. — Pro golf: 86th PGA Championship, first round (joined in progress). orogress). FRI., Aug. 13, at 9 a.m. — Pro baseball: N.Y. FRI, Aug. 13, at 9 a.m. — Pro basebalt: N.T.

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SAT., Aug. 14, at 8 p.m. — Pro baseball:
aams to be announced. SUN., Aug. 15, at 1 a.m. — Pro boxing: ochim Alcine vs. J.C. Candelo, light-middleweights.

SUN., Aug. 15, at 3 a.m. — Pro golf: 86th
PGA Chambionship, third round.

Pro soccer

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference								
	W	L	T	Pts	GF			
MetroStars	9	6	5	32	36	34		
Columbus	6	5	7	25	20	20		
D.C. United	- 5	8	6	21	24	30		
Chicago	- 4	8	7	19	19	24		
New England	4	8	7	19	24	30		
Western C			ice					
Los Angeles	9	6	6	33	35	31		
Kansas City	9	5	5	32	28	18		
Dallas	7	7	5	26	24	25		
Colorado	6	6	8	26	16	18		
San Jose	6	6	6	24	30	26		
NOTE: Three points	for 1	vict	ory	, on	e po	oint		
for tie.								

Sunday's game MetroStars 3, Los Angeles 0 Wednesday's gan Wednesday's game
Colorado at D.C. United
New England at Dallas
San Jose at Chicago
Saturday, Aug. 14
San Jose at Kansas City
New England at D.C. United
Colorado at Chicago

Columbus at Los Angeles Sunday, Aug. 15 Dallas at MetroStare

Tennis

Idea Prokom Open

Wednesday
At Sopocki Klub Tenisowy
Sopot, Poland
Purse: Men Sopot, Poland
Women, \$500,000 (Tier III)
Surface: Clay-outdoor
Men
Singles
Second Round
Rafael Nadal (0), Spain, def. Amaud Di Paswalabarand (0), Spain, def. Amaud Di Pas-

quale, France, 6-2, 6-4. Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Marc Rosset, Switzerland, 6-4, 6-3. in, def. Marat Safin (1). Marc Lopez, Russia, 6-3, 6-2

Women Singles cond Rou

ubomira Kurhajcova, Slovakia, def. Di-nara Safina (3), Rušsia, 6-2, 6-4. Marta Marreo (10), Spain, def. Eva Birnero-viveta Benesova (5), Czech Republic, def. Sil-Marta Domachowska, Poland vija Talaja, Croatia, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2. Marta Domachowska, Poland, def. Anna Smashnova-Pistolesi (2), Israel, 7-6 (4), 6-1. Nuria Llagostera Vives, Spain, def. Ludmi-la Cervanova. Slovakia, 6-7 (6), 6-1, 7-5.

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etta (9), Italy, def, Libuse Pruso va, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-2. Klara Koukalova (11), Czech Republic, def. Vera Douchevina, Russia, 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-4. Tuesday

vera Douchevina, Bristia, 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-4.

Singles

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pain, 7-5, 6-2. Marc Lopez, Spain, def. Oscar Hernandez, pain, 7-5, 6-2. Jose Acasuso, Argentina, def. Michal rzysiezny, Poland, 7-5, 6-4. Women First Round tera Vives, Spain, def. Zsofia

Nuria Llagostera Vives, Spain, def. Zsofia Gubacsi, Hungary, 6-2, 6-0. Spain, def. Zsofia Silvija Talaja, Croatia, def. Selima Sfar, Tu-nisia, 6-4, 6-2. nisia, 6-4, 6-2. Klara Koukalova (11), Czech Republic, def. Martina Muller, Germany, 7-5, 6-3.

Vancouver Women's Open

At The Jericho Tennis Club Vancouver, British Columbia Purse: \$110,000 (Tier V) Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles

Abigail Spears, United States, 6-4, 6-4.
Bethanie Mattek, United States, def. Maureen Drake, Canada, 7-5, 6-2.
Sesil Karatantcheva, Bulgaria, def. Yuka
Yoshida, Japan, 6-2, 6-3.
Marion Bartoli (1), France, def. Adriana
Serra Zanetti, Italy, 6-0, 6-1.

Pro basketball

WNBA	
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New York	13	12	.520	_
Connecticut	13	14	.481	1
Detroit	13	14	481	1
Charlotte	12	13	.480	ī
Washington	12	14	462	11/2
Indiana	12	15	.444	2
WESTERN COL	NFFR	FNC	F	
	w	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	19	7	.731	_
Seattle	17	8	.680	11/2
Minnesota	15	11	.577	4
Phoenix	12	13	.480	61/2
Sacramento	12	13	480	61/2
Houston	12	14	462	
San Antonio	6	20	.231	13

Thursday's game
U.S. Nationals 74, WNBA All-Stars 58 Wednesday, Sept. 1 Indiana at Washington Connecticut at Charlotte Phoenix at Detroit

Olympics

Wednesday's scores SOCCER

nisia 1, Australia 1, tie gentina 6, Serbia-Mon Greece 2, South Korea 2, tie Mali 0, Mexico 0, tie Maii 0, Mexico 0, tie Women Germany 8, China 0 United States 3, Greece 0

Brazil 1, Australia 0 Japan 1, Sweden 0

Japan baseball

Central League

Chunichi	W L T Pct.	GE
Yomiuri	53 46 2 .535	5
Yakult Hanshin	45 45 2 .500 46 49 1 484	10
Yokohama	41 49 2 .456	121
Hiroshima	40 53 0 .430	15

Wednesday's games Chunichi 5, Yomiuri 1 Yakult 4, Hiroshima 2 Yokohama 8, Hanshin 7, 10 innings

Pacific League

	W L T Pct. (
Daiei	62 40 3 .608
Seibu	61 42 1 .592
Nippon Ham	50 52 1 .490 1
Lotte	48 53 3 .475 1
Kintetsu	46 54 2 .460 1

Wednesday's games
Selbu 7, Daiel 0
Orix 7, Nippon Ham 4
Lotte 7, Kintetsu 2

Deals

Tuesday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEM ANGELS - Activated of Jeff DaJeron from the Section of C Wil
eleves to Salt Lake of the PCL
DETROIT TIGERS—Designment. Purchased the
pontract of RHP Jofin Ennis from Toledo of ie IL. **KANSAS CITY ROYALS**—Optioned SS Angel erroa to Wichita of the Texas League, Re-

Berroa to Wichita of the Texas League. Re-called SS, Andres Blanco and RHP Jorge Vasquez from Wichita. Optioned RHP Ryan Bukvich to Omaha of the PCL. MINNESOTA TWINS-Optioned LHP Aaron Fullz to Rochester of the IL. Recalled RHP Matt Guerrier from Rochester. OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Placed RHP Chad Bradford on the 15-day DL Purchased th contract of RHP Jairo Garcia from Sacramer

of the PCL. SEATTLE MARINERS—Purchased the cor tract of OF Hiram Bocachica from Tacoma of the PCL. Optioned RHP Cha Seung Baek to

ACOMA.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Named, Ericka Newsme director of community affairs.

CINICINATI REDS—Signed Marty Brennanan, radio broadcaster, to a three-year conract extension through the 2007 season. Restated RHP John Riedling from the bereavesent list.

ment list.

COLORADO ROCKIES—Activated LHP Jos
Kennedy from the 15-day DL. Placed C Todo
Greene on the 15-day DL. Designated RHF
Travis Driskill for assignment. Called up C
DD. Closser from Colorado Springs of the PCL.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Placed LHP Darren Olwer on the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Tim Redding to New Orleans of the PCL. Recalled
RHP Chad Qualls and LHP Carlos Hernandez
from New Orleans.

from New Orleans.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Activated RHP Vicente Padilial from the 15-day DL. Added RHF Cory. Lidle to the 25-man roster. Sent RHF Geoff Geary to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre of the IL. Designated RHP Paul Abbott for assignment.

RASKETRALL National Basketball Association CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Waived C Stever funter. SACRAMENTO KINGS—Signed F David

Iuthenthal.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed RB Chris Perry.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Walved PK Seth
Marier. Signed P Jesse Stein.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Released OL Khiaustes December 1. watha Downey.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Agreed to terms with DT Marcus Tubbs.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed WR Tim Rown.

rown.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Re-signed LW fark Bell. DALLAS STARS—Signed F Jaroslav Svobo a to a one-year contract.

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Signed RW Anrei Kostitsyn to a three-year contract.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Signed F Matt Ko-

Iska. NEW YORK RANGERS—Signed F Michael Ny lander to a three-year contract. Re-signed F Jamie Lundmark to a one-year contract. OTTAWA SENATORS—Re-signed D Zdeno Chara to a two-year contract.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Re-signed D
Tomas Kaberle to a two-year contract.

Hamm, U.S. women overpower Greece

BY JOSEPH WHITE The Associated Press

IRAKLION, Greece - The goal was classic Mia. Her assist was even better — and a lot more fun to watch.

Mia Hamm set up a first-half goal with a stutter step that left a Greek defender sprawled on the turf and covering her head in shame By the time Hamm scored on

a solo run in the second half, the U.S. women's soccer team's 3-0 embarrassment of their hosts was complete, compounded by a mostly empty stadium at kickoff Wednesday on the first day of competition in the 2004 Olympic Games.

"You know Mia - she does that to us in practice," team-mate Shannon Boxx said of Hamm's faked-out opponent. know how she feels -I would be nervous seeing Mia running down at me one-on-one.

The Americans completely dominated. Even though the Greeks took the first shot it was also their last. The U.S. team went on to take 26, and Briana Scurry picked up her 70th career shutout.

Looking to re-establish their supremacy after disappointing finishes in the 2000 Olympics and 2003 World Cup, the Americans continue first-round play Saturday against Brazil in the only Olympic sport that begins play before Friday's opening In other women's games, Ger-

many beat China 8-0; Brazil defeated Australia 1-0; and Japan side, Argentina opened with a 6-0 win over Serbia-Montene gro: Tunisia tied Australia 1-1: Mexico and Mali played a scoreless tie; and the host Greeks tied

Hamm's heroics began only moments into her final Olympic tournament. In the 14th minute, she put her stutter fake on Angeliki Lagoumtzi and took advan-tage of the clear alley to hit Boxx, who nailed a 12-vard shot to the left of goalkeeper.

South Korea 2-2.

Lagoumtzi, suitably humbled, pulled her shirt up to cover her face when she saw the ball go But Lagoumtzi's embarrass-

ment wasn't over. She also played a key role in the Ameri-cans' second goal — thanks to her jewelry. agoumtzi was ordered to the

sideline by the referee because she was wearing a necklace. While she was taking it off, the Americans exploited the temporary man-advantage and moved quickly, with Kate Markgraf crossing to Abby Wambach for a 10-foot-header over Maria Giatrakis in the 30th minute.

Hamm added a goal of her own in the 82nd minute, outmaneuvering two defenders for a 16-yard shot that banked off the left post.

Wambach's goal continued a remarkable scoring run - 15 goals in 16 games - as the Americans overwhelmed a team that qualified for the tour-nament only because it represents the host nation.

Spurs re-sign Horry

SAN ANTONIO - Forward Robert Horry, owner of five NBA championship rings, re-signed with the San Antonio Spurs on Thursday. Terms were not released.

The deal came a day after San Antonio signed a pair of power forwards: 12-year veteran Tony Massenburg and Sean Marks, who spent last season on the Snurs' injured list

The 6-foot-10 Horry, who turns 34 this month, averaged 4.8 points and 3.4 rebounds in 81 games with San Antonio last sea-

He also played in all 10 of the Spurs playoff games, averaging 6.1 points and 6.3 rebounds.

But last month the team declined to exercise its \$5 million option to keep Horry, making him an unrestricted free agent.

Horry, going into his 13th NBA season, picked up league titles with the Houston Rockets in 1994 and 1995, then three more with the Los Angeles Lakers in 2000. 2001 and 2002.

The Spurs originally signed him to fill a need for clutch shooting after the Lakers onted to let him become a free agent.

NBA briefs

reer, Horry has averaged points, 5.2 rebounds and 2.4 assists in 856

games. His postseason averages are slightly higher.

Heat pick up Wesley Person

MIAMI - The Miami Heat signed free agent swingman Wesley Person on Wednesday

Person, an 11-year NBA veteran, should give the Heat another outside shooting threat to complement Eddie Jones and heln take pressure off Shaquille O'Neal in the middle. The 6-foot-6 small forward could compete with Rasual Butler for a starting spot.

Kings sign Bluthenthal

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - The Sacramento Kings signed former USC forward David Bluthenthal to a contract Tuesday. 6-foot-7.

Bluthenthal, a 220-pound free agent, played in Israel this past season for Maccabi Tel-Aviv of the Euroleague. He averaged 6.1 points and 1.3 rebounds in 17 games.

Bluthenthal has never played in the NBA.

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Winslow Jr. ends holdout, signs with Browns

TE taken sixth gets six-year deal reportedly worth up to \$40 million

BY JOE MILICIA

BEREA, Ohio - Kellen Winslow Jr. can begin his pursuit of eclipsing his father's Hall of Fame career.

He's already made more money without catching a pass.

Winslow signed a six-year contract Wednesday morning with the Cleveland Browns and was attending his first practice, wearing a No. 11 jersey, team spokeswoman Julia Payne said.

A team source told The Associated Press the deal has a base salary of \$29 million and could be worth up to \$40 million if Winslow reaches all his incentives. It also includes a \$16.5 million signing bonus, according to the source, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

The 6-foot-4, 250-pound Winslow is the son of Hall of Fame tight end Kellen Winslow Sr. and calls himself "The Chosen One"

Winslow Jr. says he expects to exceed his father's accomplishments. Winslow Sr. says that at this point, his son is better than he

The Browns have not had a tight end with Winslow Jr.'s combination of size, speed and athleticism since Hall of Famer Ozzie Newsome in the 1980s

The Browns moved up one spot in April's draft to select the former Miami star with the sixth selection, sending the seventh overall pick and a second-round pick to Detroit

The team and Winslow's agent, Kevin Poston, were reportedly \$12 million to \$22 million apart

during the negotiations, with Poston seeking a contract similar to the six-year, \$54.6 million deal that he negotiated for wideout Charles Rogers last year with De-

But a series of talks that began over the weekend between Poston and Browns President John Collins culminated in a deal Tues-

Poston is a renowned tough negotiator who along with his brother, Carl, represents other prominent NFL clients currently in con-

Winslow began his 12-day holdout on July 30 when Poston rejected the Browns' initial offer six-year, \$40 million deal that matched what Washington gave safety Sean Taylor, the No. 5 se-

The deal Winslow agreed to is for the same amount but includes a higher signing bonus and base salary

Last week, Browns quarterback Jeff Garcia implored Winslow to get to camp, saving, "You are going to get your riches no matter what, but you need to think about the team

Garcia said he and Winslow have traded phone messages in which the rookie said he was frustrated with negotiations

Winslow has a reputation as a fiery competitor, which has caused him problems in the past.

In his final season with the Hurricanes, he made headlines for a postgame tirade following a loss to Tennessee in which he called himself a soldier and compared the game to being at war. He later apologized.



Kellen Winslow Jr. (11), shown at Cleveland Browns minicamp in April, ended his 12-day holdout. giving the Browns their most athletic tight end since the '80s.

QB Warner to start first exhibition game

The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. - Kurt Warner will start ahead of Eli Manning in the New York Giants exhibition opener

Coach Tom Coughlin made that announcement Wednesday, but added that the competition for the starting job between the two-time MVP and the No. 1 pick in last April's draft remains tight

"Are they even? I would say Coughlin said in designating Warner to start Friday night against Kansas City at Giants Stadium. "Whoever has the opportunity to play with the starters, that's who usually has his better practices. From that standpoint, they are. Now we will see how they separate out.

Warner will play into the second quarter, with Manning running the offense until at least the middle of the third quarter. Jesse Palmer will finish.

"I've been a backup before so it won't be hard," said Manning, who signed a six-year, \$45 million contract last month. "Kurt's already played a bunch of games, and he knows what it's like. It's my job to watch and learn from him and just try to get a feel of the game

The last time Manning didn't start was at Mississippi as a redshirt freshman in 2001 He played six games as a reserve.

Getting the starting nod didn't surprise Warner, the former St. Louis Ram signed by the Giants in June to give them a veteran to run the team until Manning was

"Just the way things played out in practice. I don't want to say I assumed that, but it looked like it was leaning in that direction, at least for this first game," Warner said

Coughlin plans to keep some of his starters on the field when Manning takes over. The coach declined to say whether Manning



would be given a chance to start next week in the exhibition game at Carolina

"I'm not talking about the second preseason game. We'll look at one game and see where we are, Coughlin said

Cardinals: Arizona wide receiver Anguan Boldin, last season's offensive rookie of the year, underwent arthroscopic surgery Wednesday after tests found torn cartilage in his right knee.

Coach Dennis Green called the injury "a slight tear" and said Boldin should be able to return with in weeks, suggesting he would be ready for the regular-season opener at St. Louis on Sept. 12

The Cardinals start their exhibition schedule Saturday at Minne-

Boldin missed his junior year at Florida State because of reconstructive surgery on a tendon in his left knee.

This time, his knee was sore Monday and he sat out the always intense morning practice. On Tuesday, he was warming up for practice when his knee locked up. Boldin, whose 101 catches last year set an NFL rookie record. was carted from the field

Eagles: Jevon Kearse returned to practice Tuesday after leaving the field on Monday with a sprained left ankle.

"The ankle is 100 percent bet-ter," Kearse said. "If it wasn't well, I wouldn't have been able to

Kearse plans to play in the preseason opener on Friday night against New England.

The defensive end, who signed an eight-year, \$66 million deal with the Eagles in March, was carted off the field Monday after



Giants quarterback Kurt Warner will play into the second quarter Friday night against Kansas City before giving way to No. 1 overall draft pick Eli Manning.

he hurt his ankle - the same one he injured last year in Tennessee forcing him to miss two games. Meanwhile, backup quarter-

back Koy Detmer underwent arthroscopic knee surgery. He is expected to miss about two weeks Veteran Jeff Blake will be the second-team quarterback for the Ea-

Jaguars: Jacksonville waived kicker Seth Marler on Tuesday after he strained his quadriceps muscle several times during the first week of training camp. Coach Jack Del Rio said that if

Marler clears waivers the Jags would re-sign him and place him on injured reserve for the season.

Marler was the regular kicker for the team last season, making

20 of 33 field goals.
The injury leaves Jacksonville with Jeff Chandler and Josh Scobee competing for the job.

Lions: Linebacker Boss Bailey will miss at least two to three weeks while recovering from arthroscopic surgery on his right

Trainer Al Bellamy said Bailey was to undergo surgery Wednesday in Athens, Ga., to repair damaged cartilage

Bryant case prosecutors request indefinite delay

BY JON SARCHE The Associated Press

DENVER - Prosecutors have asked the judge in Kobe Bryant's sexual assault case to put the trial on hold indefinitely, saying court-house gaffes have crippled the chances of seating an unbiased jury and suggesting the accuser is not ready to testify against the NBA star.

Legal experts say the request could be the first step toward dropping the case altogether now that the accuser has sued Bryant in civil court for monetary damag es. They said the civil case will hurt prosecutors because the defense can argue that the 20-year-old woman is simply after Bryant's money

'If prosecutors are looking for a face-saving way out, this is it, legal analyst Andrew Cohen said. Jury selection in the criminal case is scheduled to begin Aug. 27. It was not known when the judge might rule on the request.

In a court filing made public Wednesday, prosecutor Dana Easter said the recent release of closed-door testimony hurt the chances of getting a fair jury. She also said the judge has not vet decided whether the woman's mental health and medical history will be admitted as evidence leaving prosecutors in limbo on whether to hire more expert witnesses. Easter also accused defense experts of waiting too long to turn over DNA test results.

Easter singled out transcripts from a June hearing that were mistakenly e-mailed to seven news organizations, The Associated Press. The media outlets won a court fight with the judge to publish the details, including a defense expert's explanation on why she believes the accuser had sex with someone after her encounter with Bryant and before she was examined at a hospital - a claim the woman's attor-

nev has denied.

The widely publicized allegation was "extremely harmful" to the prosecution's case, Easter said, and District Judge Terry Ruckriegle's strict gag order has prevented prosecutors from re sponding.

"The release of this informa tion 28 days prior to trial will have the effect of tainting the jury nool and impact the ability of the prosecution to obtain a fair jury at this time," Easter wrote.

Prosecutors filed their request

for a delay on Tuesday, the same day attorneys for the accuser filed the civil lawsuit against Bryant in federal court in Denver seeking compensatory damages of at least \$75,000 and unspecified nunitive damages.

Attorneys for the accuser and Bryant did not return messages Prosecution spokeswoman Kris-

ta Flannigan declined to elabo rate on the filing, but said a trial was still planned.

"We are still moving forward; nothing has changed," she said. Bryant 25, has pleaded not

guilty to felony sexual assault. He has said he had consensual sev with the woman, then 19, at the Vail-area resort where she worked last summer. The Los Angeles Lakers star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation if convicted.

Experts said it was unlikely Ruckriegle will agree to a delay at such late notice. Nearly 1,000 Eagle County residents have been mailed jury summonses, witnesses from around the country have been scheduled to testify and the judge and attorneys on both sides have cleared their calendars for September, said Craig Silverman, a former prosecutor following the case

"It is an incredible logistical task to reschedule all of this," he "What will happen is the continuance is denied, I would not be surprised if the prosecution throws up its hands and says 'Well, then, we cannot proceed '



Team USA's Lisa Leslie (9) is on her third Olympic team and has not experienced a loss in the Summer Games. Olympic teammate Tina Thompson is at right. The Americans open against New Zealand on Saturday.

Setting a gold standard

U.S. women hungry to win third straight crown

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER

The Associated Press

How refreshing! A group of professional basketball players excited about going to Athens.

No one offered a lame excuse for staying home, no one wimped out. For the U.S. women's basketball team, the Olympics—no matter what uncertainties may sur-

rer what understandes may surround the site — is still a big deal. While USA Basketball practically begged NBA players to fill out the men's roster, organizers on the women's side had more players trying to get on the team

than spots available.

DeLisha Milton-Jones wanted to play so badly that she spurned surgery after tearing a knee ligament in February — an operation that would have sidelined her at least six months. Instead, she went to a doctor in Austria for

treatment.

She later injured the knee during a WNBA game and will have surgery, keeping her out of the

surgery, keeping her out of the Olympics. One WNBA coach, Detroit's Bill Laimbeer, got mad because two of

his players weren't selected.

Swin Cash is so excited about seeing Athens that she's taking her mother. Sheryl Swoopes is thinking about taking her

7-year-old son.
"Let me put it this way," said
Renee Brown, who chaired the selection committee and is the WN-BA's vice president of player personnel. "The 12 we went after all

said yes."
Three of them are on their third Olympic team: Swoopes, Lisa Leslie and Dawn Staley. Katie Smith and Yolanda Griffith are back from the 2000 team.

All six could have been forgiven for a been-there-done-that attitude or even for just wanting a break. The Olympics comtwo-thirds of the way through the WNBA season, which is taking a one-month hiatus to free up players for Athens, including some who'll represent other nations.

"My feeling on it is this," Staley

said. "The NBA has been around for a very long time. They make a lot of money. It isn't the pinnacle of their career. It isn't what they strive to do. It isn't the highest level of play for them.

"Whereas the women, the WNBA hasn't been around for that long. Reaching the peak of our career was playing in the Olympics. We didn't have that route in the United States. Until the WNBA has been around for a while, I do believe the Olympics is the best experience for women."

The six first-time Olympians will find out what that experience is all about. Three were teammates on a national championship team at Connecticut: Cash, Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi. They're joined by a former college rival, Tamika Catchings of Tennessee, and WNBA veterans Tina Thompson and Shannon Johnson on and Shannon Johnson.

It's a nice mix of experience and eager young players, a team that has shooters, rebounders, inside scorers, ballhandlers and tough defenders

It also has a male coach, Van Chancellor, a first for a U.S. women's Olympic team. Chancellor has won four WNBA titles with the Houston Comets and guided the United States to the gold medal in the 2002 world championships. Where his team had eight

onships, where his team had eight of the 12 Olympians. "We just picked the 12 players we thought would best represent USA Baskethall," Chancellor said. "Now, as it turned out, we got experience, we got youth, we got god athletes. We've just got

o perform." What the team doesn't have is

Chancellor didn't have his entire team together for the first time until Aug. 3, just 11 days before their Olympic opener against

New Zealand.
While going 13-0 in exhibition
games during a winter and spring
training period, only a few of the
12 were together at one time.
Cash and Taurasi weren't officially added to the team until May,

though they had played in some games, and Griffith wasn't picked until June.

Meanwhile, the Russians, Australians, Czechs and other national teams have been together for a while except for the handful of players in the WNRA.

Chancellor's response? Don't whine, just play.

The U.S. team faced similar constraints in 2000, yet won its eight games in Sydney by an average of 24 points en route to the gold medal. And that was after an entire WNBA season.

"We could use that as an excuse, but I don't believe in that," Chancellor said.

The United States won the past two Olympic gold medals and has 17 straight victories in the Summer Games since a 1992 loss to the Unified Team. Since 1996, the United States is 34-0 in the Olympics and world championships.

"I feel good about the team we're sending," said Leslie, who led the United States in scoring in the Atlanta and Sydney Games. "If we work hard, come out and play hard every game, I don't see

"But if we come out with our B' effort, we could be in trouble. Because whenever we step on the floor against another country, this is their big game." Russia, with WNBA players

Svetlana Abrosimova and Elena Baranova, will have its usual strong team. Brazil always has talent, including Janeth Arcain, who skipped the WNBA season to get ready for the Olympics.

Australia features an older, more seasoned Lauren Jackson, who stars for the Seattle Storm and was a silver medalist with the Aussies as a 19-year-old in 2000.

Aussies as a 19-year-old in 2000.
The United States would not meet Russia or Australia until the medal round because they're in a different pool. The Americans's toughest challenge in the prelims should come from the Czech Republic. China, South Korea, New Zealand and Spain, none considered a medal contender, also are grouped with the United States.

Tall: Americans to face tougher competition in hostile environment

TALL. FROM BACK PAGE

The roster also includes Shawn Marion, a member of the U.S. team that lost three times — to Argentina, Yugoslavia and Spain in Indianapolis during the 2002 World Championships.

The others are: Carlos Boozer, Amare Stoudemire, Lamar Odom, Dwyane Wade, Carmelo Anthony and Stephon Marbury.

The young American players could be caught off-guard by the reception they'll receive in Athens during the Summer Games amid an environment of heightened anti-American sentiment.

"Most of these guys have been adored wherever they've played," U.S. coach Larry Brown said. "Compared to Ohio State at Indiana, or North Carolina at Duke, I guess it'll be taken up a notch or two. It's going to be an interesting thing to see how our players respond."

The neophytes will quickly discover that international crowds are far more boisterous than the ones back home, and the referees are different, too. The international game tends to be far more physical, and referees' calls can be a problem at the worst possible moment.

In the semifinal game against Lithuania in the Sydney Olympics, the Americans led by two points and had possession with the clock winding down late in regulation when a jump ball was

In a ruling that continues to baffle Brown, a jump ball violation was called against Antonio McDyess and the referees quickly awarded the ball to Lithuania. Guard Sarunas Jasikevicius dribbled downcourt and tossed up a three-pointer that barely missed, sparing the US. team the humiliation of losing for only the third time in the Olympics.

American teams have com-

plied a record of 109-2 in Olympic play, the only losses coming in 1972 and 1988.

Their competition will be strong in Athens, with Lithuania, Serbia and Montenegro, Spain and Argentina expected to be among the teams contending for the gold medal.

Serbia and Montenegro will be forced to do without sharpshooter Peja Stojakovic. But Lithuania will feature the NBA's Darius Songaila, and Spain will be anchored by Pau Gasol of the Memphis

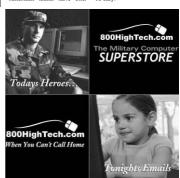
Argentina's team includes Ginobili and other players who have spent at least a season or two in the NBA and several years playing professionally in Europe. More important is those players' familiarity with each other after playing together on junior teams before graduating to the national team.

Not only has the U.S. team played together for less than two weeks, but it also has a few personalities — most notably Marbury and Jefferson — who don't particularly like one another.

Brown, who chased after the referees in Sydney following the U.S. team's close call against Lithuania, will have to convince his youngsters that the Olympics will be anything but a cakewalk. A 5-1 record in pre-Olympic games and a few close calls against lesser foes likely got the Americans', attention.

"We have the talent, and we also have coaches that really pushed us," said Brand, who vividly recalled assistant coach Greg Popovich's face turning red as he exhorted the U.S. team to be prepared for a big challenge against Argentina last summer.

"That fervor was inside of us, and we were ready to play," Brand said. "Coach Pop and Coach Brown, they're going to let the players know it's not going to



USFJ-AFL teams brace for race to finish | Mets pitcher Glavine loses

Three squads have chance to win regular-season title

BY DAVE ORNAUER Stars and Strines

Never in the five-year history of the U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League has so much been on the line in the final weekend of the regular season.

Yokota, Misawa and Yokosuka, enter the weekend with a chance to finish first, second or third.

Last-place Atsugi (0-5) can play the role of spoiler. The White Dolphins could dash Misawa's hope of a regular-season championship and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a vic-

"At this point, you can't make a guess," Commissioner Kyle Rhodus said of Saturday's matchuns. pitting Yokota at Yokosuka and Misawa at Atsugi, both at 4 p.m., to determine the field for the playoffs starting Sept. 4.

Only one thing is certain at this point: Atsugi plays its semifinal game on the road against the regu-

lar-season champion The rest of the field? A total

"That's the way I saw it" during the league's preseason jamboree on June 19, Yokosuka coach Isaac Lee said. "Everybody had a chance to compete.

"It's great for the league," said quarterback and assistant coach Jacob Dowdell of league leader Yokota (4-1). "Everybody has a

chance to stay involved. The Raiders would have clinched first place had they won at Misawa last Saturday. Instead. the Marauders edged Yokota 27-26 in two overtimes.

Yokosuka topped Atsugi 24-12, tying Misawa (3-2) for second place, setting up numerous tiebreaker possibilities — and giving all four league coaches a built-in distraction, keeping their nlavers from thinking about what could happen and keeping their minds on Saturday's games.

"We know what we have to do," Dowdell said of the Raiders. "We



WR Robert Trishy and the Yokosuka Seahawks are honing to heat Yokota on Saturday and have the point differentials go their way.

just line up 11-on-11 and play until the whistle's blown. ... don't want to put seeds of doubt or confusion in anybody's head. We just line up and play and what

happens, happens.' Rather than frustrating the Raiders, Saturday's loss "is lighting a fire" under the players, Dowdell said. "At the same time. everybody recognizes how good it is for the league to have good competition, down to the last second.

Yokota controls its own destiny. A victory over Yokosuka will give the Raiders their first regular-season crown

Misawa and Yokosuka each need to win and hope the point margins in both games fall their

The key is, don't lose focus on what has made you successful," Misawa coach John Hemphill said

"If you start looking at what other teams have to do and the dif-ferent scenarios, it's really easy to get off the goal. You can't get caught up in all the other stuff, can't let that creep its head into your huddle

Teams and players also can't lament what's already happened.

"We can't undo what's been done," he said. "We have to win and let the chips fall where they

Despite Atsugi's 0-5 record, Hemphill noted that the White Dolphins ended their streak of four shutout losses by scoring 12 points against Yokosuka.

"My biggest challenge this week [is to] keep the guys from looking too far ahead," Hemphill said. "They might get upended by Atsugi. We don't want to overlook

them The thought that Misawa's hopes could hinge on Atsugi has the White Dolphins players "excited about playing in that kind of game," Atsugi coach Ray Shabazz

"We have nothing to lose. Misa-wa has everything to lose," Shaba-"We're going to go out, zz said. give it 100 percent and try to win. Putting points on the board was a confidence booster for us.

Such a tight finish is the best thing that could have hannened for the league, Rhodus said.

In the past four seasons, games, including the 2001 and '03 league title contests, were called

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fium, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4

four points or fewer AND if Atsugi beat Misawa OR if it loses to Yokosuka by I points or fewer AND if Misawa beats At n ruses to Yokosuka by betwe 17 points AND if Misawa beats Will finish third if it loses to Yoko 18 points or more AND if Misaw Atsugi.

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off because of duty forfeits weather and transportation problems. Not one of this season's 10

games has suffered the same fate. The league has gone relatively flawless, as good as we could have hoped for coming into the season." said Rhodus, Yokosuka Naval Base's MWR athletics director

"And having the league totally undecided heading into the last week, with three teams having a chance to win (the regular-season title) is an exciting prospect."

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front teeth in accident

NEW YORK - Mets pitcher Tom Glavine lost his two front upper teeth in an automobile accident Tuesday while going from LaGuardia Airport to nearby Shea Stadium in a taxicab.

Glavine also got stitches for a cut lower lip. He was to be re-leased from a hospital Tuesday night and miss his start Wednes day against Houston

"I'm just thankful it's not worse," Mets manager Art Howe said. "We're looking forward to having him back. We don't know when that will be.'

The accident occurred at 2:15 p.m. as Glavine headed to the ballpark. The left-hander had spent Monday's off-day with his family

Glavine was leaving LaGuardia in a taxi that collided with a SUV on the overpass of the Grand Cen-

tral Parkway as he left the airport grounds, the Mets said. Port Authority police and the New York Police Department responded to the crash, and the

Emergency Medical Service took Glavine by ambulance to NYU Medical Center in Manhattan. Glavine was conscious, Port Au-

thority spokesman Tony Ciavolella said. Mets' oral surgeon Dr. Robert Glickman treated the pitcher. Mets' team physician Joseph

Bosco said Glavine was resting comfortably, and the pitcher was to go straight to his home in Connecticut

Growing up in Massachusetts. Glavine was a two-sport prep star and was picked by the NHL's Los Angeles Kings in the fourth round of the 1984 draft.

Once asked why he picked base ball over hockey, he joked, "I had all my own teeth and I wanted to keep it that way."

The driver of the taxi, George

Kovalonoks, 54, of Brooklyn, and the other vehicle. John Struble. 40, of West Milford, N.J., were both uninjured, police said.

Serena Williams pulls out of Olympics because of injury win doubles. The doctor "advised her that if

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - Just a few hours before she was supposed to board the U.S. Olympic tennis team's flight to Athens. Serena Williams sent word via e-mail that she wouldn't be going to the Summer Games.

With Jennifer Capriati staying Stateside, too, the Americans' medal hopes suddenly went from strong to suspect. Don't tell that to coach Zina Garrison, though,

"We're fired up and ready for the challenge," Garrison said Wednesday night after arriving in Greece. "This is the Olympics. and this opportunity doesn't happen every day

The United States has dominated women's tennis in the Olymnics since it returned as a medal sport in the 1988 Seoul Games. winning seven of the eight golds. At Sydney four years ago, Serena teamed with older sister Venus to **Sports**

Instead of having three of the world's top players playing singles during the Aug. 15-22 tournament, Garrison

and Venus won

singles.

will have Lisa Raymond and Chanda Rubin joining the sixth-seeded Venus in singles. And in doubles, Rubin will re-

place Serena as Venus' partner. "I am sad and disappointed, not only because I am unable to travel to Greece and participate in the Olympics," Serena Williams said Wednesday, "but also because I gave my word that I would play.

In New York before the team's flight, the six-time Grand Slam singles champion saw a doctor Tuesday and was told not to comnete in Athens because of lingering pain in her left knee, U.S. Tenspokesman Association Randy Walker said.

she were to play, she'd risk serious long-term repercussions on her knee," Walker said. Williams' withdrawal came a

day after 1992 singles gold medal-Capriati announced she wouldn't play because of a ham-

Olympic flame reaches Athens

ATHENS, Greece - The Olympic flame neared the end of its 26-nation, around-the-world journey Wednesday, arriving in the Games' host city to cheers from children, roadside parties and women dressed as ancient priest-

More than 600 people will carry the flame on a final, two-day trip through greater Athens that will take it from the ancient town of Marathon to Acropolis hill to the opening ceremony Friday in the new Olympic stadium.

Devers will replace Edwards in women's 100 meters

GEORGIOUPOLI, Greece Torri Edwards' two-year doping suspension cleared the way for 37-year-old Gail Devers to try to win her third gold medal in the 100 meters. Edwards' suspension for taking

a banned stimulant elevated De vers, a five-time Olympian, into the 100 because she finished fourth in the U.S. trials last

Edwards on Wednesday ap pealed to the international Court of Arbitration for Sport, where a binding decision should come before the track competition begins on Aug. 20.

Georgia RB Lumpkin to miss season with ACL injury ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia run-

ning back Kregg Lumpkin, who was expected to start, will be lost for the season after tearing a ligament in his left knee during a non-contact drill.

Lumpkin tore his anterior cruci-ate ligament Monday, the team's first day of practice. The normal recovery period for a torn ACL is nine months.

Lumpkin was second on the team with 523 yards rushing as a freshman last year, despite missing the first two games with a hamstring injury.

Top Clemson RB out 6-8 weeks CLEMSON, S.C. — Clemson running back Duane Coleman

broke his foot during practice Tuesday and won't be able to play for six to eight weeks

Last season, Coleman led the Tiers with 615 yards rushing. He caught 34 passes for 309 yards.

With his loss, we will have to evaluate what we are going to do offensively, especially on third down," coach Tommy Bowden

M's Martinez shows he's not done yet

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Edgar Martinez is far from finished.

In his first game since announcing he will retire at the end of this season, Martinez hit a two-run homer to lead the Seattle Mariners to a 4-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday night.

"That doesn't happen every night," he said.

The two-time AL batting champion received a stirring ovation from the Safeco Field crowd of 36,290 before the game. He didn't disappoint, connecting off Terry Mulholland in the first inning for his ninth home run of the year.

"That was great," Martinez

"They've always been great to me. That was pretty amazing to me."

One of the game's greatest designated hitters, the 41-year-old Martinez is in his 18th major league season — all with Seattle.

As far as his opponents are concerned, he hung around too long. Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire was hoping Martinez

would retire immediately Monday, not at the end of the season. "That way we wouldn't have had to face him any more because he has done that to us many,

many times," Gardenhire said.
Gil Meche (2-5) pitched two-hit
ball through eight innings in his
third start for Seattle since being
recalled from Triple-A Tacoma
on July 30. He walked two and
struck out seven.

Orioles 11, Angels 3: Miguel Tejada went 3-for-5 with a three-run homer and tied a season high with five RBIs to help visiting Baltimore extend its winning streak to eight. A Roundup

Larry Bigbie homered, Brian Roberts tied a career high with four hits and David Newhan was 3-for-5 with three RBIs for the Orioles, who had a season-high 20 hits. Rookie right-hander Daniel Cabrera (9-5) allowed three runs in six innings, ending Anaheim's five-some winning streak

Aaron Sele (7-1) was charged with six runs — four earned and a career-worst 13 hits in 4²/₃ innings

Anaheim rookie Robb Quinlan extended his hitting streak to 21 games.

Athletics 5, Tigers 4: At Oakland, Calif., Eric Chavez hit a three-run homer and Barry Zito (8-8) pitched seven innings to win for the third time in four starts. Octavio Dotel earned his 10th save in 14 tries with the Athletics.

Rangers 7, Yankees 1: Ryan Drese (9-6) pitched seven shutout innings and former Yankee Alfonso Soriano doubled twice and scored three times for the homestanding Rangers.

David Dellucci, also a former Yankee, and Mark Teixeira hit two-run homers to help Texas end a four-game skid.

Kevin Brown (9-2) lost for the first time in six starts, his worst performance since returning from the disabled list on July 30. Both his losses have come against his former team.

Red Sox 8, Devil Rays 4: At Boston, Jason Varitek, Bill Mueller, Orlando Cabrera and Kevin Youkilis each drove in two runs to back Bronson Arroyo (5-8). MARINER

Seattle DH Edgar Martinez is greeted in the dugout after hitting a two-run homer in the first inning of the Mariners' 4-3 win over the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday in Seattle. It was Martinez's first game since announcing he would retire at the end of the season.

Manny Ramirez went 0-for-4 with three strikeouts after missing three straight games because of the flu

Indians 2, Blue Jays 0: Chad Durbin (5-4) allowed four hits in seven inmigs at Jacobs Field and struck out a career-high seven. Romie Belliard hit a two-run double for the second-place Indians, who won for the sixth time in seven games.

Bob Wickman finished for his ifth save.

White Sox 9, Royals 3: At Chi-

cago, leadoff batter Willie Harris went 5-for-5, Carlos Lee hit a three-run homer and Paul Konerko added a two-run shot to help the White Sox win for the fourth

time in 16 games.

Jon Garland (8-8) pitched seven solid innings.

Kansas City has lost five in a row to fall a season-low 33 games under .500 (39-72), the worst record after 111 games in the franchise's 36-year history. Before the game, the Royals op-

before the game, the Royals optioned 2003 AL Rookie of the Year Angel Berroa to Double-A Wichita

Tigers roar with 11 runs at Oakland

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Dmitri Young hit a three-run homer and Wilfredo Ledezma made the early lead stand up Wednesday, giving the Detroit Tigers an 11-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

Omar Infante drove in three runs and Rondell White homered as the Tigers ended a three-game losing streak. Ivan Rodriguez was the only Detroit starter who did not get a hit.

Ledezma (2-0) pitched 5²/₃ innings to earn his first win as a starter this season. His other victory came in relief on July 25.

Ledezma gave up two runs and five hits. After going 10-3 with a 2.42 ERA at Double-A Erie, he has allowed just 17 hits in 21¹/₃ innings in the big leagues.

Eric Chavez, Scott Hatteberg and Bobby Kielty drove in runs for the Athletics, who had their three-game winning streak stopped.

Mark Redman (8-9) lasted four innings, his second-shortest outing of the season. He was tagged for six runs and season hits

Redman has allowed 30 runs in 31 innings in six home starts this season, giving up nine home runs.

Young hit his ninth homer of the season, connecting in the third inning.

Edmonds lifts Cards with homer in 10th

The Associated Pres.

MIAMI — Two hits were enough for St. Louis to beat Florida. Albert Pujols ended Josh Beck-

ett's no-hit bid with a sixth-inning homer, and Jim Edmonds homered on the first pitch in the 10th inning to lead the Cardinals to their sixth straight victory, a 2-1 win Tuesday night. "We've won some unusual

games this year, and I'd put this one right up there with them," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. Florida had seven hits but was

shut out after Alex Gonzalez doubled home a run in the second. St. Louis won for the 19th time in 24 games since the All-Star break. Julian Tavarez (5-3) pitched

2²/₃ hitless innings, and Jason Isringhausen followed with a perfect 10th for his 30th save. Guillermo Mota (8-5) gave up Edmonds' 31st home run.

Cardinals right-hander Chris Carpenter pitched just 2¹/₃ innings before departing because of tightness in his lower back.

Padres 8, Cubs 6: Ramon Hernandez had three hits, including a three-run homer, to help visiting

Roundup

San Diego move within one game of the Cubs for the NL wild-card

Chicago's Sammy Sosa hit his 564th homer to move past Reggie Jackson into sole possession of eighth place on the career list. Cubs starter Mark Prior (3-3)

cubs starter Mark Prior (3-3) allowed six runs, eight hits, five walks, a hit batter and a balk in three-plus innings. Adam Eaton (7-10) lasted

Adam Eaton (7-10) lasted five-plus innings, allowing solo homers to Sosa, Moises Alou, Derrek Lee and Nomar Garciaparra — his first since the Cubs acquired him from the Red Sox on July 31. Eaton also hit a tiebreaking two-run single in the third.

Trevor Hoffman got three outs for his 30th save, retiring Ramon Martinez on a game-ending flyout

Rockies 5, Phillies 4: Pinch-hitter Vinny Castilla hit a go-ahead two-run double off Tim Worrell (3-5), and Luis Gonzalez added a sacrifice fly in the three-run ninth as the visiting Rockies won their second straight over the Phillies. Jeromy Burnitz hit his 31st homer, and Charles Johnson added a solo shot for Colorado, which is 4-1 since trading Larry Walker to St. Louis. Steve Reed (3-2) was the winner.

Dodgers 5, Reds 2: Steve Finley hit his first homer with Los Angeles, Adrian Beltre also homered and Jose Lima (11-3) pitched allowed two runs and five hits in eight innings. Eric Gagne got three straight outs for his 34th save.

Cincinnati's Adam Dunn hit a solo shot in the fourth that traveled an estimated 535 feet, the longest at Great American Ball Park. He leads the majors with 35 homers

Pirates 8, Giants 7: Barry Bonds set a major league record by reaching 30 home runs for the 13th straight season.

Rob Mackowiak hit an RBI double off Matt Herges (4-5) with two outs in the ninth as homestanding Pittsburgh won its third straight. Michael Tucker had tied the

Michael Tucker had tied the score 7-all in the top half against Jose Mesa (3-1) with his second homer of the game.

Brewers 3, Braves 2 (10):

Chris Magruder homered off Tom Martin (0-2) in the 10th as visiting Milwaukee rallied from a 2-0 deficit to stop Atlanta's five-game winning streak. It was only the Braves' third loss in 17 games.

Jon Adams (2-1) pitched out of a two-on jam in the ninth for the win, and Dan Kolb earned his 32nd save.

Mets 7, Astros 3: Rookie David Wright singled home the go-ahead run and hit his first Shea Stadium homer as the Mets ended a three-game losing streak and handed Houston its fifth loss in six games.

Richard Hidalgo delivered a key double against the club that traded him in mid-June, and Jose Reyes hit a two-run triple.

Steve Trachsel (10-8) won for the first time in six starts since the All-Star break, allowing three runs and seven hits in seven innings. Pete Munro (2-4), who grew up near Shea Stadium, gave up four runs — three earned and seven hits in five innings.

Expos 4, Diamondbacks 0: At Montreal, Livan Hernandez (9-10) struck out eight in eight innings, and Luis Ayala finished as



St. Louis Cardinals' Jim Edmonds homered off Florida Marlins reliever Guillermo Mota in the 10th inning of Tuesday's 2-1 victory.

the Expos won their third straight.

Johnson (11-10), 1-4 in his last seven starts, allowed three runs and five hits in six innings. Arizona, a major league-worst 35-79, has lost 42 of its last 51. New York Boston Baltimore Tampa Bay Toronto

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Lamar Odom right, drives against Dejan left, of Serbia and Montene gro during an exhibition game Aug. 6. The U.S. went 5-1 during its pre-Olympic tour. The Americans play Puerto Rico in their opener on Sunday.

U.S. team no longer a lock for Olympic gold

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BY CHRIS SHERIDAN

Manu Ginobili seemed flabbergasted after being asked why his team played so poorly last summer in the gold medal game of the Olympic qualifying tournament in Puerto Rico.

Argentina had been steamrolled 106-73, the Americans dunking and dominating with equal flair in one of the most impressive displays of athletic brilliance in the long and staggeringly successful history of U.S.

national basketball teams. "What? You didn't ex-

pect us to beat them, did you?" Ginobili asked. Actually, some folks

did.

Argentina had defeated a U.S. team of NBA players in the 2002 World Championships, then stayed even with the Americans for all but the final minute of a second-round game in the

ond-round game in the Tournament of the Americas.

But as Ginobili hinted, Argentina expected to see the Americans' best effort in the gold medal game — and that's exactly what happened.

After one particularly dominant stretch that included five alley-oop dunks in a span of six possessions, the Americans — with a star-laden team including Tracy McGrady, Jermaine O'Neal, Vince Carter, Mike Bibby,

■ U.S. women's team eagerly goes to Athens as the favorite, Page 28

Elton Brand, Kenyon Martin and Ra Allen — led 53-19.

Argentina's players hung their heads, their minds causing their body language to convey the obvious: The Americans have the best basketball team in the world. case closed.

Or at least they did. America won't be sending as strong

of a team to Athens, and the men's basketball gold medal is more up for grabs than it has been in 16 years. Security concerns, fatigue, injuries,

indifference and a pending criminal trial have knocked some of the biggest names off the U.S. roster and prevented several of their most worthy replacements from stepping in.

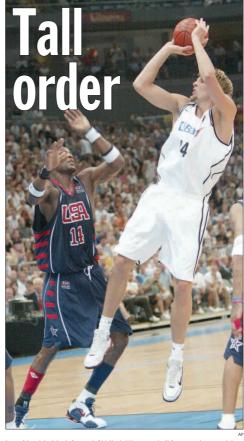
Only Tim Duncan, Allen Iverson and Richard Jefferson remain from the team that won the Tournament of the Americas, and the rest of the roster was filled

with some of the NBA's best young players — almost none of whom have any experience playing under international rules in front of hostile crowds. Among the new U.S. players are LeB-

raniong the new 0.3. players are Zebron James, the NBA rookie of the year, and Emeka Okafor, who was picked second overall in this year's draft by the expansion Carolina Bobcats.

"I have a chance to get a gold medal," Okafor said. "That's one of the reasons I jumped at this opportunity. I'm really looking forward to it."

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Lamar Odom, left, defends Germany's Dirk Nowitzki in a game the U.S. won on a last-second shot.

Attorneys for Bryant's accuser ask to delay criminal trial indefinitely

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U.S. routs Greece as Games begin in women's soccer Page 26



Martinez homers in first at-bat since announcing his retirement

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